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INDONESIA PLANE WITH 62 ABOARD FEARED CRASHED

Pontianak-bound domestic carrier loses contact four minutes after take off from Jakarta on Saturday around 1 pm (IST)

SUSPECTED DEBRIS FOUND IN SEA, SEARCH ON

Teams have been dispatched to search the waters north of Jakarta. However, rescuers said suspected debris had been found in the sea. According to Indonesian Transport Minister Budi Karya, the Boeing 737-500, run by budget airline Sriwijaya Air, had 62, including 12 crew, people on board. No radio beacon signal has been detected, officials said

PLUNGED 10,000 FEET IN ONE MINUTE

- Tracking service Flightradar24 said on its Twitter feed said that the flight "lost more than 10,000 feet of altitude in less than one minute, about 4 minutes after departure from Jakarta"
- The 26-year-old plane was of the 737 Classic series, not to be confused with 737 MAX that was grounded over safety concerns

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A LION AIR BOEING 737 MAX FLIGHT HAD CRASHED IN INDONESIA, KILLING 189

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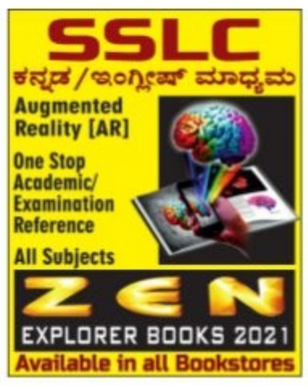

EXPRESS READ

Covid vaccination to start in India on Jan 16

New Delhi: India will launch its Covid-19 vaccination drive from January 16 in what Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called the world's largest inoculation programme. **P9**

Apps see demand after new WhatsApp terms

New Delhi: Signal and Telegram messaging apps are seeing a sudden increase in demand after rival WhatsApp updated its terms of service raising eyebrows on social media. **P13**

Dems to impeach Trump for 2nd time

If Prez does not resign on his own, steps will be taken to dislodge him, says Speaker Pelosi

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OUTGOING US President Donald Trump, accused of inciting his supporters to mount a violent insurrection on Capitol Hill — in which five people died — is all set to become the only US President to be impeached twice, with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi saying she would move forward with impeachment if Trump did not resign immediately.

"If he does not, I have instructed the Rules Committee to be prepared to move forward with Congressman Jamie Raskin's 25th Amendment legislation and a motion for impeachment," Pelosi said.

According to reports, nearly 160 House Democrats have signed the bill, which congressmen Ted Lieu of California and David Cicilline of Rhode Island began drafting while they were sheltering in a place during Wednesday's chaos at the Capitol.

If the process goes ahead, it willbe the second time the House has pursued impeachment against Trump. In December 2019, the lower chamber impeached him on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. But the Senate acquitted him on both the charges in February 2020. No US president has ever been impeached twice. However, the prospect of an impeachment conviction seems remote due to Trump's Republican broad support in the Senate.

The White House dismissed the impeachment as a politically motivated move. **P9,10**

TWITTER KICKS OUT DON PERMANENTLY

US President Donald Trump has been permanently suspended from Twitter due to the "risk of further incitement of violence", the social media giant has announced, days after his supporters stormed the US Capitol. The unprecedented move by the social media platform comes after Trump tweeted that he would not attend the inauguration of Joe Biden

CM HINTS AT ₹40K CR BUDGET DEFICIT

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@ Koppal

CHIEF B S Yediyurappa has indicated that the upcoming state budget could see a deficit of Rs 40,000-50,000 crore due to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic, and natural disasters such as floods and drought which have wreaked havoc.

Speaking to reporters after performing the ground-breaking ceremony for the country's first-ever toy cluster here on Saturday, Yediyurappa expressed concern over the financial situation and noted that the government had not been able to take up development works as per expectation. However, all efforts are being made to revive the economy as early as possible, he said, and sought co-operation to bring it back on track.

"The country's first toy cluster of international standards is a step in this direction, with the toys market having abundant potential both domestically and globally. All eyes are on this mega project and we are hoping to invite Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the inauguration," the CM said. **P7**

RUSHES TO DELHI

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is making a quick visit to New Delhi on Sunday, in all probability to discuss cabinet expansion, before the bypolls in the state are announced. Sources said the CM got a call from party president J P Nadda on Saturday late evening. He will meet Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. | **P4**

10 babies die in Maharashtra hospital fire

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@ Mumbai

A fire broke out at the Sick Newborn Care Unit of the Bhandara district general hospital, leaving 10 infants dead on Saturday early morning. The fire brigade rescued seven children from the blaze, suspected to have been sparked by an electrical short circuit.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray ordered a high-level six-member committee to probe the mishap, besides announcing an ex-gratia of ₹5 lakh each to the parents of the deceased children.

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Bumrah, Md Siraj 'racially abused'

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

RACIAL abuse reared its ugly head on Saturday when Team India management lodged an official complaint against abuses, allegedly racial, hurled at two of its players during the third Test against Australia in Sydney. The matter was taken up with International Cricket Council match referee David Boon and security officials at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

According to team sources, it involved pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj who pointed out they were "racially abused" by a section of the crowd. It is learnt that some spectators started hurling abusive words at Bumrah and Siraj while they were fielding in the boundary. As the day progressed, cuss words apparently turned racial. It is learnt that Siraj was allegedly subject to even the monkey word, which led the pacer to inform stand-in captain Ajinkya Rahane.

Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj were allegedly subjected to racial abuse during the Sydney Test | AFP

The matter was brought to the notice of the on-field umpires Paul Reifel and Paul Wilson, and Boon. According to a member of the Indian team, Boon and the SCG security officials have already spoken to the players and are set to review the video footage to identify the fans.

Department of Health and Family Welfare

Shri B. S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister

KIND ATTENTION!
HEALTH CARE WORKERS

HAVE YOU GOT REGISTERED FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION

In the fight against COVID-19, we are soon going to have a safe vaccine to protect us.

IT IS THE DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FIRST.

The healthcare workers have been our heroes fighting COVID-19 from the forefront. As soon as vaccine is available, Health Care Workers will receive protection through vaccine on priority.

Honorable Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education, Dr. K. Sudhakar during his visit to the hospital

Who can Register

FRONT LINE HEALTH AND ICDS WORKERS
- ANMs
- MPW (Male & Female)
- ASHA & ASHA Facilitators
- Anganwadi Workers & Helpers

NURSES & SUPERVISORS
- Staff Nurse
- PHN
- LHV
- CHO
- Health & ICDS Supervisors
- CDPO
- CMHO
- District WCD Officer
- DIO

MEDICAL OFFICERS
- Allopathic Doctors
- AYUSH Doctors
- Dentists
- Administrative Posts those posted in Health Facilities/Institution

PARAMEDICAL STAFF
- Lab Technicians
- OT Technicians
- Pharmacist
- Physiotherapist
- Radiographer
- Nursing Orderlies
- Ward Boys
- Other Paramedical Staff

SUPPORT STAFF
- Drivers & Security Staff
- Sanitation workers
- Other support staff

STUDENTS
- Medical
- Dental
- Nursing
- Other Paramedical

OTHERS
- Scientist & Research Staff
- Clerical & Administrative Staff
- Other Health Staff

COVID-19 vaccination is not mandatory but recommended for healthcare workers as it provides additional protection against COVID-19 disease.

Health Care Workers have been already registered on CoWIN portal. However, in case you have not registered, you may contact Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Officers of your district.

Details are available at Health and Family Welfare website karunadu.karnataka.gov.in

- If your health institution has already submitted list and your name is left out, kindly forward your details through your Institution to District RCH Officer
- If your entire healthcare Institution has not yet sent the list of all healthcare workers, compile the details at earliest and mail to District RCH Officer in the prescribed format.
- You can check if your name is registered or not by visiting the URL ***https://covidwar.karnataka.gov.in/service60***

Kindly note that COVID-19 vaccination will be provided only to pre-registered beneficiaries.

For more information contact nearest Government Hospital or Call 24X7 Health Helpline 104

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Ritu: Himantha • Masa: Margashira • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Dwadashi 3.34 pm
Nakshatra: Anuradha 9.57 am • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

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FORECAST
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Sunset 6.09 pm
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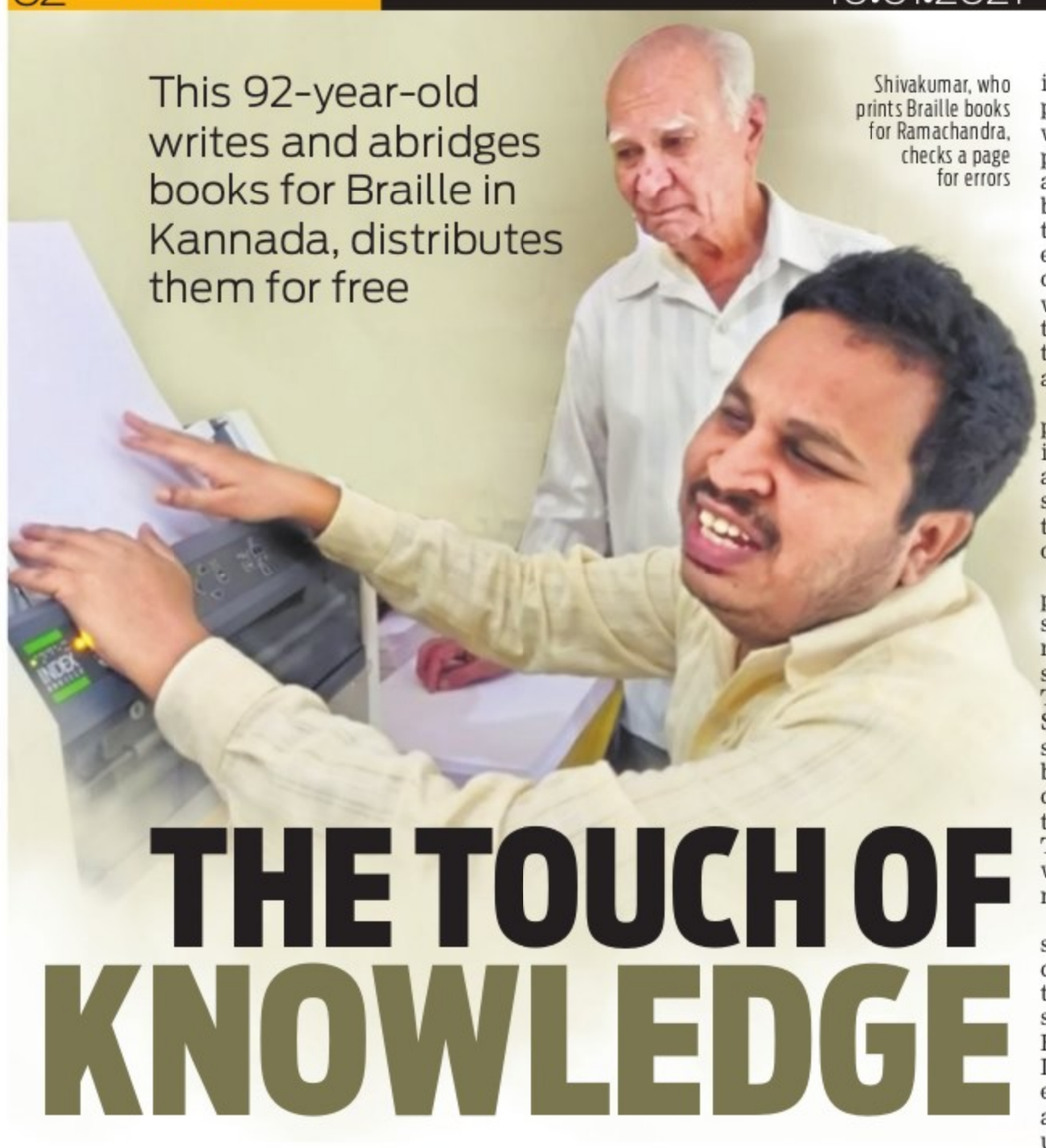

This 92-year-old writes and abridges books for Braille in Kannada, distributes them for free

Shivakumar, who prints Braille books for Ramachandra, checks a page for errors

THE TOUCH OF KNOWLEDGE

15,000
books converted into Braille and distributed all over Karnataka at his own expense

50
Number of books he has written/translated from English into Kannada

I was amazed to see his spirit and passion. I cannot imagine a nonagenarian walking all day, going on buses to give books to the needy
— Chandru Rathode
Gadag-based writer

Belaku magazine

In 2018, Ramachandra started Belaku, a bimonthly magazine with a circulation of **200** copies containing information on current events, poems and stories. Each issue costs ₹ **450** but he distributes them for free to charitable institutions, NGOs and individuals who request a copy.

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

IN 1999, a retired government employee thought that he had reached the end of his life. Then 70, he was told that he was unlikely to live more than six months due to heart disease. He thought then, that he had built a good life for his family, but had done nothing for society. He began to ask around and realised that among the many disadvantaged groups of people, not much was being done for children with visual disability. He realised that a lack of Braille textbooks was a major obstacle in their education, and decided to fill that gap. What he thought would be the end of his life, turned out to be a new direction.

Born in Lakkundi in Gadag district, Ramachandra Dhongade did his schooling in Gadag, and began his career in 1948 as an employee of the transport services department of the newly formed government of Mysore. He retired in 1984 as an employee of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation and settled in Dharwad, where he now lives with his family. His son and daughter-in-law are both entrepreneurs and run their own businesses in Dharwad and support him.

"We are happy that he can pursue his passion. It gives him the strength to live a joyful and peaceful life. Students who read his books thank him for giving them copies of books in Braille," says Ramachandra's son Vijayakumar Dhongade.

Although Ramachandra himself does not know how to write Kannada in Braille, he learned that publishing in Braille was no easy task. The cost is prohibitive to begin with, and both the price and weight of books rise with the length of the text. A 50-page book costs Dhongade about Rs 400 and a 100-page book around Rs 600. Also, although Braille has been adapted to write Kannada, conjunct consonants (otthakshara) -- when two consonants are written without a vowel -- sometimes make for difficult reading, and so require simplification.

He started with writing and printing Braille books containing moral stories, and the vachanas of Allama Prabhu and Basavanna. Gradually, he realized that school and college students often do not have textbooks.

"Although the government provides Braille textbooks to schoolchildren, supply does not reach everyone. Many students still don't get copies," he says. Through NGO Vidyavardhaka Sangha, he would learn of school kids who needed textbooks and supplied them free of cost. Since 2003, he has headed the Dharwad branch of Sahana Trust for the Disabled, through which he has been able to reach more students.

Ramakant Doni, a pre-university student, is one such beneficiary. "I was a Class 8 student three years ago when Dhongade sir gave me books to read in Braille (Kannada). Now, I am in II PU. Even though online classes were there, the sense of touch and reading those letters, gives us a better understanding of the subject. We thank Ramachandra Dhongade for his selfless work and effort in providing Braille books to people with visual disabilities," said Ramakant Doni.

Most visually impaired students take up Arts courses, but here too, Ramachandra found a gap he could fill. There were no textbooks in Braille (Kannada), so he bought copies, simplified the text, had them printed, distributed them for free.

In the past 22 years, he has had around 15,000 books converted into Braille and distributed all over Karnataka at his own expense. These include copies of 50 books that he has written, translated from English into Kannada, or abridged for Kannada in Braille.

Still, Ramachandra feels that he has miles to go. "There are many students who are not aware of my work. So I'm not able to give books to many people. I approached MLAs, MPs and even the education minister three years ago and told them about my dream of providing books. I am still waiting for a response. I do not want money for my work. I just want to see blind students get equal opportunities and platforms which other children have," he says.

Ramachandra spends four or five hours a day working on books. "I think it is because of the people I have given books to, that I am 92 and still healthy," he says.

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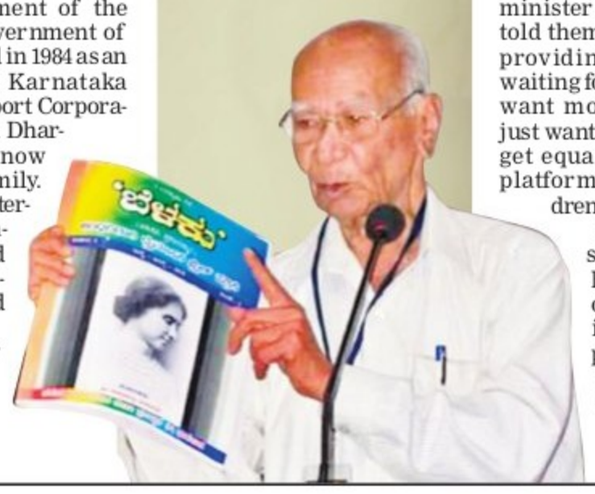
— Ramachandra Dhongade



Mysuru man builds houses with construction debris

K RATHNA @Mysuru

FROM a distance, a house at Harthale, Nanjangud, looks like any other in the locality. But you step inside, and you will find recycled wooden windows and doors procured from demolished buildings, broken ceramics for surface, mud concrete blocks made out of building waste, flooring again with mud concrete.

"This house makes a statement about useful waste," says M Rajesh Kumar Jain (45), an architect from Mysuru, who builds houses using construction waste.

The farmhouse on about 450 sq ft, built for a vice admiral (retired), has glass bottles procured from local vendors for lighting purpose; jali bricks for natural ventilation, roofing done with old used micro concrete roofing tiles, where steel is used.

And there is more. Excavated gravel at the site is used for the foundation. Only about 30 bags of cement were used for the entire project. "People have a misconception that using more steel means the building will be stronger. Today people think cement as a superior and compulsory material for construction. With minimal use of cement for joint finishing of bricks and flooring etc, we can create an eco-friendly house," says Rajesh.

"I have a degree in Architecture. I started doing research and found how construction waste is causing hazards to health and nature. All this made me encourage people to construct sustainable," he says.

"You can see heaps of construction materials being dumped on either side of the outer ring roads and in vacant places. Just by using this debris to build compounds and for the works under the flooring, we can reduce the waste to a great extent. Also, we can reduce use of new materials. With quarries being closed, there is shortage of materials, leading to illegal quarrying. Transportation cost too will reduce by this method. We can also reduce water and air pollution and protect our environment," he says.

"A major advantage of using construction debris is that it reduces waste disposal and building cost. The tiles help to reflect heat and keep the temperature cool and the dependency on energy can be lessened by using solar power. Moreover, the houses give an aesthetic look," says Rajesh.

If a person spends Rs 30-35 lakh on a house in a 30x40 site, a sustainable house will cost considerably less. His team collects construction debris dumped on the roadsides and also from their contacts. Later, they segregate it into fine and coarse aggregate and add new soil. Tiles are processed scientifically to create bricks.

Sharing about his journey, he says, "It was not easy in the initial days. Most of them prefer to build luxurious houses using advanced technologies. Gradually, like-minded people have been appreciating, supporting and accepting. Compared to earlier, in the last 10 years, there has been increasing awareness among people about owning eco-friendly houses."

In the past 15 years, he has built around 150 eco-friendly houses. Of these, two have been built using complete construction waste. More than 20 houses have been built using waste materials for compounds and under the flooring.

"My office used to function out of a rented building. In 2019, I built an office room at Kadakola, using waste construction materials," Rajesh says.

Rajesh has plans to give training and awareness programmes on how to build eco-friendly houses and their advantages. He has also plans to start a waste-to-resource project, with support from Susthira, an NGO, and Mysuru City Corporation.

Shamsundar Subbarao, head, National Institute of Engineering, Centre for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technologies (NIE-CREST), who is getting his house built by Rajesh, says, "Such sustainable houses are the need of the hour. If the government helps, we can address the construction debris problem in a short period in Mysuru and set an example to everyone."

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M Rajesh Kumar Jain, Architect

Parents of pvt school students to protest today over pressure to pay fees

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA @Bengaluru

MEMBERS of Voice of Parents – Karnataka Association will protest at Maurya Circle on Sunday against the State Government and Department of Public Education for not coming to their aid during tough Covid times.

"I paid the first-term fee of my ward in June after he was not allowed to attend online classes. It was on for a few weeks, but was cut again as the school wanted me to pay the second-term fee too. The reminders for the third installment of fees have already come in," said Ravi K N, whose ward studies at a private CBSE school.

Parents continue to face the problem of denial of online classes to students for nonpayment of fees, said Chidanand, a member of the association. The Association has parents of private school students as members and most of these schools follow CBSE and ICSE syllabus.

The parents complained that private schools are collecting fees illegally on top of the tuition fee approved by the Department of Public Instruction. Majority of the schools have laid off nearly 25 per cent of their teaching and nonteaching staff, while paying only 50 per cent of the salary to the staffers who have been retained. Still, they demand 100 per cent fees from the parents, they said.

Parents demanded that the government should enforce provisions of the RTE Act 2009 and Karnataka RTE Rules 2012 to stop private schools from collecting illegal fees, prevent schools from cutting off online access to students, stop fresh admissions till further orders, and to instruct schools to recompute the fees and update details on SATS website.

They alleged that the government's move to allow private schools to reopen is an attempt to favour the management lobby. They said that physical classes should be put off till it is safe for children and online sessions must continue compulsorily. The government cannot shirk off its responsibility and leave the parents at the mercy of private schools, they pleaded.

EXPRESS READ

Budget campaign gets good response

BENGALURU: The MyCityMyBudget campaign which concludes on Sunday, has seen over 4,000 people give their inputs for the 2021-22 BBMP budget. RWAs and community groups have been taking the budget bus and autos across the city to collect inputs from residents on yellow spots, new public toilets, and footpath requirements. Noted singer Raghu Dixit also campaigned, asking people to give inputs. Citizens can submit inputs to www.yellowspots.in, @ichangemycity on Twitter and www.facebook.com/ichangemycity or WhatsApp 7023385666 or 8095500118.

Feel proud! Kannadiga to pilot B'luru-San Francisco direct flight

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE honour of serving as the commander of the first nonstop flight from Bengaluru to San Francisco goes to Bengaluru-born Chanappa Venkatdas Madhu, a pilot with 24 years of experience. The 48-year-old resident of Yelahanka is chilled about the long flight he is set to take off at 2.30 pm on Monday from the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

Madhu, who always wanted to be a pilot and joined Air India in December 1996, will be at the helm, while Captain Desmond, Captain Karan Agarwal and co-pilot Simranjit Singh will occupy the cockpit with him on AI 175.

Madhu, in a lighter vein, told TNSE, "I will be the only son of the soil inside the cabin! I will definitely make an announcement in Kannada, along with English and Hindi, after I take off this time."

The experience is clearly not overwhelming for him. "It is like every other flight, and I have 10,000 hours of flying. I began my career as an international pilot and have flown around the world. I have flown Airbus 300, Jumbo Jet 747 and Boeing 737. On Monday, it will be a Boeing 777.

There is one difference this time though. "Whenever I flew to the US or most other countries, I had to take off from Mumbai or Delhi. It is the first time that I will begin my trip from my hometown," he added.

Bengaluru-born Chanappa Venkatdas Madhu always wanted to be a pilot | EXPRESS

Does he fear flying during the pandemic? "We are taking all precautions. I have been flying since July 2020 and there is no major fear. All of us have taken Covid tests. The other pilots will come from their hometowns and rest for a day here before the trip."

With father C Venkatdas serving as an aeronautical engineer at HAL, the choice of taking to the skies was automatic for him. After schooling at Poorna Pragna Educational Centre and St Joseph's PU College, he completed Civil Engineering at BMS College. "I always accompanied my father to Aero-shows and aviation-related events. I joined Jakkur Flying School 30 years ago and trained at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi at UP."

His wife G Meena is a homemaker and older son Adeith is showing an interest in taking after his father's career. He has another son Dwedeith. Will his family join him or watch him take-off? "Not at all. They have come with me on many flights."

CIVIC SENSE

DULT inspects roads designed by citizens

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TO take the Streets for People Challenge ahead, officials from Directorate of Urban Land Transport visited the two selected roads for remodelling in Wilson Garden and Jayanagar on Friday.

The officials were accompanied by citizens, architects, experts and officials from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and Bengaluru Smart City team.

A senior DULT official told TNSE: "It was the first field visit. It was a walk to audit and take stock of the ground reality, how people need to be roped in, understand the area and what needs to be done on the ground. The visit was to understand whether it was redoable as per the suggestions and input designs submitted by people so far."

The audit was done to assess the roads, how the designs can be implemented, problems on ground and the solutions offered by locals.

KIA set to welcome UK returnees

Sudhakar reviews screening arrangements ahead of resumption of flights

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A day ahead of the resumption of flights from the UK, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar visited Kempegowda International Airport and inspected screening arrangements.

Flights from the UK had been suspended from December 23 in the wake of the emergence of the new strain of SARS-CoV-2. Each flight arriving from the UK will now be filled to full capacity of around 300-350.

"All UK returnees will have to undergo an RT-PCR test at the airport even if they have a negative test report. They will be sent only if their result is negative. Those who test positive will be in institutional quarantine or treated at government hospitals," he said.

All other international passengers must have tested negative 72 hours before boarding their flight. If they do not have a negative test report, they will be tested on arrival in Bengaluru and charged Rs 3,400.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar reviews arrangements at Kempegowda International Airport for passengers arriving from the UK | EXPRESS

SOP for UK returnees

Passengers must undergo RT-PCR test 72 hours before boarding their flight in the UK, and upload their negative test reports on the Air Suvidha portal accessed from the airport's official website.

They must also undergo an RT-PCR test on arrival in Bengaluru, and stay at the airport until their test reports come. Test and lounge service to cost Rs 3,400. Results could take up to 10 hours.

Those who test positive will be in institutional quarantine for 14 days and tested as per ICMR protocol. Those who came in contact with such passengers will also be institutionally quarantined.

Officials will inform their counterparts in other states if passengers travel to other states from Karnataka. Officials will inform the Central Surveillance Unit if passengers are not traceable for a follow-up.

BBMP prepares plan for vaccine rollout

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IN all, 1,507 centres will be set up across the city to ensure that the Covid-19 vaccine is administered smoothly, said Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad after holding a meeting with health officials here on Saturday.

The meeting was held in the wake of the Centre announcing that the vaccine would be rolled out from January 16. Prasad said the centres will be grouped into clusters with each cluster comprising five centres headed by a sector officer. Totally, there will be 300 sector officers. Each centre should ensure that at least 100 people are vaccinated each day, he added.

Sector officers will be trained in the distribution and vaccination processes and their responsibilities will be listed out soon, he said.

These officers should start preparing the maps of the areas being covered to ensure that a smooth channel is created for vehicles carrying the vaccines and for ambulances plying between the centre and hospitals, Prasad said.

Each centre should be linked to the nearest hospital and ambulances should be stationed at each vaccination centre to ensure that any citizen who has any health-related issues is easily taken to the nearest linked hospital.

In the first phase, the vaccination will be given to healthcare workers, and in the second phase to teachers, police, revenue department officials and other frontline workers. In the third phase, those above 50 years of age and those below 50 with comorbidities will be identified by the electoral list.

The BBMP has already identified 1.75 lakh healthcare providers and their information has been updated on the CoWin portal. Every centre will have proper demarcation identifying each room, with drinking water dispensers and chairs, WiFi facilities and all the other basic amenities.

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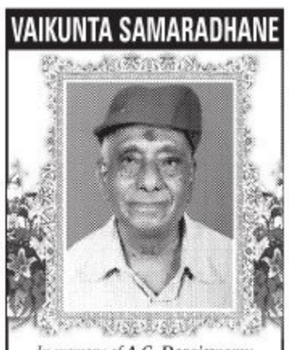

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13th Day Ceremony Invitation
Date: 11-01-2021
Venue: Sri Sri Sri Aandalamma Samhita Trust, Dr. Rajkumar Road, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10 (Adjoining Hotel Mayura)
Timings: 9.30 to 12pm
Lunch: Hotel New Sagar Fast Food, 1st Floor, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10.
Timings: 1 pm onwards
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Family & Friends

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CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR
BSAL, BALLARI
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PRIYANK FLAYS GOVT OVER TUR

KPCC spokesperson and MLA Priyank Kharge took a dig at the state government for not announcing incentives above the minimum support price (MSP) for tur dal. "When Congress was in power in the state, incentives for tur above MSP was announced every year," he said.

Yediyurappa rushing to Delhi today; cabinet rejig on cards?

To meet BJP leaders Nadda, Shah; By-elections too likely to come up for discussion

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IN a sudden development, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa is rushing to New Delhi on Sunday morning to meet BJP central leaders. Sources said that the CM decided to take an early morning flight after he got a call from party national president JP Nadda late on Saturday evening. He is likely to meet Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah before returning to Bengaluru on Sunday night or Monday morning to attend Prime Minister Narendra Modi's video-conference with chief ministers on Monday.

Sources said that Yediyurappa will in all likelihood discuss cabinet expansion, which has been hanging fire without the approval from central leaders. Bypolls to the Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency and two Assembly seats too may come up for discussion, they added.

As per the CM's itinerary, released by the CMO, he will take the flight to Delhi at 8.20 am and reach Delhi at 11.05 am. Normally, during visits to Delhi, the CM is accompanied by senior ministers. But on Sunday, he is going alone without any ministers in tow, CMO sources confirmed.

Shah is coming to Karnataka on January 16 to attend the party programme in Belagavi, but since bypoll dates are likely to be announced by the Election Commission of India in three to four days, the central leaders have summoned him to Delhi to discuss the byelections as well as cabinet expansion, the sources said. Though the CM is keen on reshuffling the cabinet with some senior leaders making way for younger faces, the central leaders are in favour of only expansion and not reshuffle, they said.

Earlier on Saturday, responding to a question on the delay in taking up ministry expansion and reshuffle, Yediyurappa said in Koppal that it will done whenever central leaders give him the go-ahead.

If the cabinet is expanded, R Shankar, MTB Nagaraj, N Munirathna, CP Yogeshwar, Umesh Katti and Aravind Limbavali are likely to make the cut. Of them, Shankar, Nagaraj and Muniratna are newcomers to the party who helped BJP come to power. The cabinet at present has seven vacant berths.

BIG PLAY

KOPPAL TOY CLUSTER WILL START OPS BY YEAR-END, SAYS CM

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa lays the foundation stone for the toy cluster at Talbal village in Koppal district on Saturday | EXPRESS

SHREEPAD AYACHIT @Koppal

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa laid the foundation stone for the country's first-ever toy cluster at Talbal village in the district on Saturday, with the expectation that some of the units at the cluster would start functioning by the year-end.

"The State Government has already acquired 272 acres of land for the cluster in and around Talbal village. The Special Economic Zone is expected to achieve progress in the next couple of years, and we will invite Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the cluster," Yediyurappa said.

The cluster is expected to attract big investments and generate employment to a large number of people in the region. "I will ensure that a few units will start operations by the end of this year," he added.

"At present, the volume of toy manufacturing business in the country is around Rs 1,200 crore. It is expected to go up to Rs 2,300 crore once this state-of-the-art toy cluster starts operating fully," he said.

The ongoing Gadag-Wadi rail line project too will help the toy cluster and improve the economy in the area, he said.

Mobile testing van for RSKs

Yediyurappa also flagged off mobile vans to each of 20 Raita Sampark Kendras (RSKs) under 'Krishi Sanjeevini' scheme of the Agriculture Department in Koppal district. The vans will help farmers with soil and water testing. He also distributed the agriculture department's 'Swabhimani Raita' identity cards to a few farmers. The ID cards contain relevant records of agriculture fields of respective farmers.

Koppal District in-charge minister, who is also agriculture minister, B C Patil, MP Sanganna Karadi, MLA Halappa Achar, former ministers R V Deshpande and Basavaraj Rayareddy and others were present.

Cong men irk CM

Former minister R V Deshpande found it difficult to speak as he had a throat ache. But another former minister Basavaraj Rayareddy objected to Deshpande's speech, even as the CM was visibly embarrassed. As chaos prevailed, some shouted 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' slogans in support of Deshpande, while Rayareddy's followers too countered them with their own sloganeering.

Project started by JDS: HDK

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FORMER Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy on Saturday accused the BJP government of taking credit for the programme that was started when he was the Chief Minister. "We allocated Rs 500 crore for a toy manufacturing cluster in Koppal under the Compete with China initiative that was started when I was the CM. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa restarted that project," Kumaraswamy said after the CM laid the foundation stone for the cluster in the North Karnataka district.

Kumaraswamy said that the State government was claiming that the project was being taken up under the Centre's Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan, but they (JDS-Congress coalition government) had initiated the project much before that. "It was done to compete with China and to encourage domestic toy manufacturing industry and also to provide employment opportunities to local youth. Our government had started many such programmes and the CM must consider implementing them. Our programmes always focused on creating employment opportunities," he said.

Kumaraswamy had announced the 'Compete With China' initiative to strengthen the local manufacturing sector and had allocated funds for it in the State Budget in 2019.

Raksha Ramaiah to head Youth Cong in state?

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RAKSHA Ramaiah is likely to be elected as Karnataka Youth Congress (KYC) president unanimously when the elections happen on January 12. The post fell vacant in March 2020 when Basanagouda Badarli's term ended.

In the meantime, the All-India Congress Committee (AICC) was in a dilemma whether to conduct a poll or to appoint the Youth Congress chief.

The contenders for the post included Mithun Rai, Nalapad Haris and H S Manjunath. While Rai withdrew his nomination on Saturday evening, top party leaders, including state party president D K Shivakumar, were trying to convince others to withdraw from the contest, said sources from the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee. Manjunath, who is the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) president in Karnataka, unsuccessfully contested from the Mahalakshmi Layout Assembly constituency in 2018, and party leaders were not in favour of his name again, sources said. Nalpad's name was not cleared by the party high command. Announcing his withdrawal from the poll, Rai put out a Facebook post saying he was following the KPCC chief's instructions. Sources said that for the sacrifice he made, he has been assured of a ticket in the 2023 Assembly polls.

Ramaiah, who is 35 years old, is senior Congress leader and former minister MR Seetharam's son. Over 6.5 lakh voters are eligible to elect the Youth Congress chief in the state.

Cong discusses names of Hukkeri, Satish Jarkiholi for Belagavi seat

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KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) working president Satish Jarkiholi, former MP Prakash Hukkeri and party MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar's brother Channaraj Hattiholi are among those considered by the state Congress leaders for the bypoll to the Belagavi Lok Sabha segment.

A senior Congress leader said that during a meeting at the party office, they had discussed the preparations for the bypolls and sought the leaders' views on the candidates for the Belagavi Lok Sabha, and Basavakalyan and Maski assembly seats.

The names of Jarkiholi, Hukkeri and Hattihol were discussed during the meeting, the Congress leader said and added that Jarkiholi would be a formidable candidate to take on the BJP in Belagavi. The bypoll to Belagavi LS seat is necessitated after the death of BJP MP Suresh Angadi.

While Jarkiholi has earlier stated that he is not keen on contesting the Lok Sabha election, Hukkeri wants to contest.

The dates for the bypolls to Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency and Basavakalayan and Maski Assembly segments are likely to be announced soon | EXPRESS

As for Basavakalyan, the senior leaders are said to have discussed the names of late Congress MLA B Narayan Rao's wife Mallamma, MLC Vijay Singh and Basavaraj Bulla.

The bypoll is necessitated following the death of Congress MLA Narayan Rao.

In Maski, the Congress is likely to field Basangouda Turvihal who joined the Congress from BJP recently. He had contested as the BJP candidate from Maski in 2018 and lost the elections with a narrow margin.

After the meeting, KPCC president D K Shiavkumar said there were many suggestions about the bypolls and also discussed many names. "We will send the names to the central leaders and they will take the final call," Shivakumar said.

AN EDUCATION BY MINISTER

Tumakuru: Do-gooder Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar berates a Karnataka State Transport Corporation (KSRTC) driver for speeding away without picking up some children in Irakasandra Colony near Neelagondanahalli on Saturday. The minister, who was on his way to Madhugiri to take part in a function, saw that the driver had not stopped for the students and overtook the bus on the State Highway 33. He stopped the bus on the road, and took the driver to task. Suresh Kumar said that he will speak to Deputy Chief Minister Lakshman Savadi to instruct drivers and conductors to pick up students, especially in rural areas, even if they had no passes. ENS

ALL WORK AND NO PAY FOR SOUDHA'S CONTRACT STAFF

ASHWINI M SRIPAD
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CONTRACTUAL employees working at the offices of the three Deputy Chief Ministers, other cabinet ministers and even MLAs, most of whom work at Vidhana Soudha and Vikasa Soudha, have not been paid salaries since November. The reason: The Finance Department is yet to approve the appointments and clear the files.

There are about 250 employees working in the offices of ministers as. Many of them have been working for the last 10-15 years on contract. "We are employed as long as one party is in power. Once their term ends or if the House is dissolved, we are removed from our jobs. After the election, when a new government comes in, we have to approach the new minister or their people to get back to work," said an employee who did not want to be identified.

The salaries of these contracted employees varies from Rs 17,000 to Rs 42,000 per month. Praveenkumar Salimath of the Karnataka State Assembly and Council Assistants' Association said that while permanent staff gets their salaries by the fifth of every month, they get salaries only in the second to third week of the month. "For the last two to three months, we have not got salaries at all. We too have families," he said.

These employees play an important role in the running of the ministers' offices, inter-department coordination and also the constituencies. "We are working for many years and can't find job outside due to the age factor. We are not demanding permanent jobs, but we only want job security," Salimath said.

When contacted, a senior official of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, pointed out that the permanent staff in ministers' and MLAs' offices come under Revenue department and their salaries comes from there. "Employees on contract come under the DPAR and their salaries are paid by our department. There are some issues which we are trying to sort out. We are planning to bring both the permanent and contractual employees under the Secretariat. By doing so, the Secretariat will pick up the salary tab and all issues will be sorted out," the official said.

EXPRESS READ

BJP to hold poll conventions

Kalaburagi: To prepare BJP activists for the upcoming zilla, taluk and municipal corporation polls, the BJP plans to organise Jana Sevaka Samaveshas all over the state from Monday to Wednesday. Speaking to media persons here on Saturday, BJP Yuva Morcha State Unit president Sandeep Kumar K C said that Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will inaugurate the convention in Mysuru. Altogether five teams of senior leaders will participate in the meets in different parts of the state. Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar will inaugurate the conventions in the Kalyana Karnataka Region. ENS

After Savadi's SUV fills free fuel, notice slapped on KSRTC staffer

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DEPUTY Chief Minister and Transport Minister Laxman Savadi's private SUV getting its tanks filled at the KSRTC bus depot fuel station here has triggered a controversy at a time when State Road Transport Corporations are facing a severe finance crunch. Soon after the news went viral on Saturday, Savadi ordered action against a corporation employee for refilling the SUV, while letting the vehicle driver go scot-free.

As per Savadi's instructions, the KSRTC depot manager at Belagavi issued a show-cause notice to junior assistant B N Kishor for the incident that put the minister in a spot. On Friday, the SUV (KA 03, NF 8989) was filled with 44 litres of diesel. When the video went viral, the DCM hastily decided to take action against the corporation employee, questioning him as to why the department should not initiate disciplinary action against him for refilling a private vehicle.

Divisional Commissioner of NWKRTC, Belagavi, M R Munji told mediapersons, "We have already served the show-cause notice to the concerned staff. The employee committed the mistake of refilling the minister's car without checking its registration number. The incident occurred when the minister was at the depot for the inauguration of various works implemented by KSRTC."

A screengrab of the video showing the DyCM's SUV being refuelled at the KSRTC bus depot in Belagavi | EXPRESS

The vehicles belonging to transport corporations have "F" series of registration numbers and get fuel free of cost at corporations' depots. The Belagavi depot employee might have mistaken minister's SUV to be one such vehicle and filled fuel, Munji justified. On Saturday, the SUV driver paid Rs 3,542 towards 44 litres of fuel.

VIRTUAL VISIT

NRN logs into his memories in Madhugiri

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Tumakuru

INFOSYS co-founder N R Narayana Murthy became a 'student' once again and even 'sat' beside his 'benchmate'! He was on a virtual visit to his alma mater, Government High School, in Madhugiri town, on Saturday noon.

He interacted with his 'benchmate', former MLC Doddarange Gowda, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar, Sri Swami Japananda, head of Ramakrishna Sevashram in Pavagada, and Gururaj B Deshpande, senior VP Infosys. He later launched 'Doora Taranga Shikshana' for SSLC students where he addressed educators and students at a function, presided by the minister.

Infosys co-founder N R Narayana Murthy attends a function at his alma mater in Madhugiri through video conference on Saturday | EXPRESS

I express my gratitude for giving me this opportunity to speak at the school where I studied

N R Narayana Murthy, Infosys co-founder

Logging into his memories, the 74-year-old Murthy spoke fondly of his teachers Revana Siddaiah and Narasimha Krishnan, who had made an impression on him. He studied in Class 8 and 9 here back in 1958-59 where Revana Siddaiah taught him Sanskrit.

The star alumnus has a strong link with this school where his father was headmaster. "My father, N R Rama Rao, was the Headmaster who would encourage the students to participate in sports activities. He would get all the gates shut and ask the students to play any game of their choice," he recalled.

"Education opens up opportunities, besides making one to be a good thinker. The Swamiji's efforts in extending digital education to the children of remote areas through Infosys Foundation is commendable," he said.

When Minister Suresh Kumar read out *TNSE*'s headline --- *NRN goes back to school after six decades* --- Murthy smiled and more reminiscences followed. Murthy appreciated the minister's efforts for trying to bridge the gap between the urban and rural students.

Doddarange Gowda too who recalled his school days suggested to the minister to incorporate Narayana Murthy's biography in textbooks to inspire the children. The minister, however, did not respond immediately to it but wished that the school produced the likes of Narayana Murthy.

Conman duped retd judge of ₹8.8 cr

Yuvaraj Swamy promised her post of governor; middleman took Rs 2.75 crore from him, says CCB

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THE Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths probing the case involving conman Yuvaraj Swamy have learned that he has taken ₹8.8 crore from a retired judge, allegedly promising her the post of a governor.

Meanwhile, several photos of Swamy along with some BJP leaders like V Somanna and Deputy CM Laxman Savadi and others went viral on social media. At the time of his arrest, the police had seized from him several photos taken with central ministers.

Speaking to *The New Sunday Express*, H M Nagaraj, Assistant Commissioner of Police from the CCB who is an investigating officer, said the retired judge had approached Wilson Garden police to file a case on December 21 and an FIR was registered.

The case has been transferred to the CCB and the complainant has alleged that Swamy has taken Rs 8.8 crore from her and had promised that he will help her get the governor's post as he has good contacts with the central government. The woman had believed Swamy and paid money on a few occasions. She has also made a statement before the CCB.

It has also been found that a retired police officer from Mangaluru went with Swamy to Delhi three times to meet central ministers to lobby for a post. It is said that the retired officer who had introduced the woman judge to Swamy, had allegedly taken Rs 2.75 crore from the latter. The police are yet to interrogate the retired officer.

A few months ago, Savadi was

CCB sleuths grilled Yuvaraj Swamy in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

invited to Swamy's house and honoured with a garland. The photo went viral on Friday. Savadi also admitted that he had been in contact with Swamy for several years.

Speaking to *TNSE*, V Somanna said that a few days ago Swamy met him at Nammura Thindi hotel in Vijayanagar and requested him to visit his house. "Since I am a politician, I went to his house and stayed there a few minutes. I never knew that he was approaching people for money. I was shocked when I saw the news linking my name with him. I even checked to see if he had misused my name."

Yuvaraj Swamy, 52, a resident of Nagarabhavi, who claims to be an astrologer and vaastu expert, allegedly has links with many Kannada film actors and senior politicians. He was arrested by the CCB on December 16. He had falsely claimed that he was very close to central ministers and taken Rs 10 crore from the complainant, promising that he would get an MP seat after discussing with the BJP bosses.

THE COST OF DEVELOPMENT

A woman crosses a rubble-filled street as Smart City works take off at KR Market bus stand in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

CRIME PATROL

Police open fire at habitual offender

Bengaluru: The police on Friday opened fire at a habitual offender for allegedly attacking policemen. Accused Naveen Kumar P, with his mother and brother, attacked constable Manjunath and escaped when the policeman went to arrest him on January 6. Manjunath suffered serious injuries, however, he nabbed Naveen's family members. Later a special team, led by PSI Krishnamurthy, spotted Naveen in Gunjur and surrounded him on Saturday. The accused attacked another constable and tried to escape.The PSI opened fire at Naveen and nabbed him. **ENS**

PWD engineer files case against 'fake' ACB officer

Bengaluru: An executive engineer with PWD has filed a complaint with the Halasurgate police, alleging that a man — claiming to be an ACB officer — was threatening him. The complainant, B M Dhananjaya Murthy, said on January 5, a man named Jagadish contacted him, claiming to be a DySP with the ACB. He claimed that there were many complaints against Murthy and that he would be raided if he did not book flight tickets to Sri Lanka for Jagadish. The next day, Jagadish sent Murthy the numbers of some bank accounts and called him again and forced him to deposit money into those accounts. **ENS**

Building contractor hacked to death

Bengaluru: A Bahujan Samaj Party leader, Sreenivas alias Sheena (36), who was allegedly a police informant, was hacked to death by a gang of six in Rajagopalnagar on Saturday. A police officer said that six men arrived on motorcycles and in autorickshaws when Sreenivas was visiting a construction site. They attacked him with lethal weapons and fled. Locals rushed Sreenivas to a hospital where doctors declared him brought dead. Police suspect the assailants are associates of Slum Bharat who wanted revenge as Sreenivas had filed several complaints against Bharat who was killed in an encounter a year ago. **ENS**

NALI-KALI GOES ON AIR FROM TOMORROW

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The Department of Education is launching 'Kaliyutta Naliyona', a new radio programme based on the Nali-Kali initiative, from January 11, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar announced on Saturday.

He told mediapersons that the 'Nali-Kali' programme for students of Classes 1 to 4, will be aired on the government's radio station Akashavani. For Classes 1 and 2, the programme will be from 10 am to 10.15 am, and for Classes 3 and 4 from 10:15 to 10:30 am. This will include music, story telling, drama, dialogue, and quizzes to help students continue learning.

The programme will foster self-learning, object recognition, word introduction and fun learning. Children of up to Class 4 will be taught in the form of stories and stories narrated by children will also be broadcast. Students can reach out to 9449417612 on WhatsApp to feature on air.

So far, the government has opened schools for Standard 6 to 9 under Vidyagama and classes in small groups for Standard 10 and 12.

EXPRESS READ

IIIT-B gets new director

Bengaluru: Professor Debabrata Das was appointed as the new Director of IIIT Bengaluru. He succeeds Professor S Sadagopan, and will take over from June 30. Prof Das has been the Dean of Academics and R&D from 2014 to 2017. He joined the institute as an Assistant Professor in 2002. "This is a challenging time with respect to the fast-changing technology in the areas of computing, electronics and communication, as well as societal needs. I am looking forward to working closely with the students, my colleagues in the institute, peers, industry, government, and industry bodies," said Professor Das. **ENS**

Three beef stalls set on fire near Mangaluru

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Days after the Karnataka government promulgated an ordinance to enact the cow slaughter act, three beef stalls in Thokottu were allegedly set on fire by miscreants on Friday night.

The three stalls were functioning from temporary sheds outside the now demolished Thokottu market. The market is currently being rebuilt. Former Ullal CMC member Farooq Ullal said that miscreants torched the stalls belonging to Lateef, Khader and Haneef, around 3 am.

Haneef, one of the stall owners, said that they had been running the shops for the past 45 years. He said, "Ullal Municipal Council had given alternative space for some meat sellers, but not to us. So we got permission to set up stalls here," he said, adding that he did not know who was behind the incident. Vice President of the Council Ayub Manchila confirmed this. CMC president Chitrakala Chandrakanth and other members who visted the spot condemned the incident. Chandrakanth said that the three shops were licenced and said that they would be allowed to function from the same spot.

Mangaluru MLA U T Khader demanded that the miscreants be arrested for setting fire to the stalls. "This is an attempt to disturb peace in the region. Such anti-social elements must immediately be put behind bars. The municipal council must make arrangements to sell meat in the same place," he said.

The Ullal unit of the DYFI has demanded that CCTVs be installed at such spots to prevent such incidents in future and also give protection to meat-sellers.

Ullal CMC president Chitra Chandrakanth visits Thokottu on Saturday | EXPRESS

Court quashes plaint against e-marketplace

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THE Karnataka High Court has quashed a complaint registered against Snapdeal Pvt Ltd, an online marketing platform, on the ground that an intermediary will not be responsible or liable for sale of any item not complying with requirements under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Noting that the complaint does not attract the essential ingredients of Section 18(1)(c) of the Act (selling drugs without a valid licence), Justice Suraj Govindaraj said that neither

Snapdeal nor its directors can be prosecuted for the offence under Section 27(b)(ii) of the Act.

"An intermediary, as defined under Section 2(w) of the Information Technology Act, or its directors/officers, would not be liable for any action or inaction on part of a vendor/seller making use of the facilities provided by the intermediary in terms of a website or a market place", the court said.

The court noted that there was no acceptable explanation for the highly belated lodging of the complaint and said it is fatal to the proceedings.

The Drugs Inspector (Intelligence)-2, Regional Office of the Deputy Drugs Controller, had filed the complaint dated June 5, 2020, on the basis of information allegedly received by Deputy Drugs Controller, Mysuru, on November 20, 2014.

The Principal Senior Civil Judge and Chief Judicial Magistrate has taken cognisance of the offence on June 8, 2020.

The complaint was registered after Adept Biocare had created a seller account on Snapdeal.com and sold Suhagra-100 tablets between October 13, 2014 and December 16, 2014.

The complaint said this was in of violation of conditions under Section 18(c) of the Act. Hence, Snapdeal moved the high court.

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IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C.Misc. No. 319/2020

PETITIONER: Sri Venkatachari, S/o late Hanumanthachar aged about 60 years, R/at Thadasighatta Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. -V/s- **RESPONDENT: The Thasildar** (Registrar of Births and Deaths) Nelamangala Taluk, Nelamangala.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of petitioner's father by name Hanumanthachar, S/o Venkatanarasachar was died on 10.06.1970 at Thadasighatta village, Thymagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. The Hon'ble court has fixed on **15-01-2021** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11 AM, failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte. Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 14-12-2020.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, (JMFC), Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Sri K.G. HEMANTHA KUMAR,** 5th Cross, Dadapeer Layout, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala-562 123.

LOST & FOUND

I Sri. P.Lakshmi Ranga Reddy have lost my property mother deed original document of schedule description land property bearing Survey No.39 of Mallur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, an measuring 0.01.1 Guntas or East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square feet, Vacant area, the sale deed dated 04-09-2000 as Document No.4628/2000-01, of Book-I, Dated 07-09-2000, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, the above document lost on 04-01-2021, while shifting my house first floor to second floor and last report filed in Bommanahalli Police station, vide its report No.PO2141210600009, Dated 06-01-2021, if any found Ct.+917026243349 or nearby police station.

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Date : 10.01.2021
Place : Bangalore

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NOTIFICATION

ADMISSION TO ALL INDIA QUOTA SEATS OF UNDER GRADUATE COURSES IN SIDDHA, AYURVEDA & HOMOEOPATHY AND POST GRADUATE COURSE IN M.D. (HOMOEOPATHY) – 2020-21 [ONLY FOR PRIVATE I.M.&H MEDICAL COLLEGES]

Applications are invited from candidates who have qualified in the **NEET (UG) - 2020** & **AIAPGET - 2020 (HOMOEOPATHY)** for admissions to All India Quota seats of **Under Graduate courses in Siddha, Ayurveda & Homoeopathy** (**BSMS / BAMS / BHMS**) and P.G. courses in **M.D (HOMOEOPATHY)** available at Self-Financing (Private) I.M.&H Colleges in the State of Tamil Nadu respectively. Application Forms and Prospectus may be downloaded from Health Department website: **www.tnhealth.tn.gov.in from 10.01.2021 to 29.01.2021 up to 5.00 P.M. Last date for receipt / Submission of filled in Application Form at Selection Committee office, Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy Department, Chennai-106 is 30.01.2021 upto 05.30 p.m.** For further details please visit : **www.tnhealth.tn.gov.in"**

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IndoStar Capital Finance Limited

Registered Office - One World Centre, Tower 2A, 20th Floor, Jupiter Mills Compound, S B Marg, Mumbai - 400013, India
Branch Office - NO.13, CRN CHAMBERS, 4th Floor, Kasturba Road, Bangalore -560001, India.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

I, the undersigned as the authorized officer of M/s Indostar Capital Finance LTD, hereby give the following notice to the below mentioned Borrower (S) / Co- Borrower (S) / Guarantor (S) who have grossly failed to discharge their legal liability i.e. defaulted in the repayment of the amount i.e. principal as well as the interest and other charges accrued there-on for Loan (S) Against Property (S)advanced to them by M/s Indostar Capital Finance LTD and as a consequence there-of, the Loan (S) have become Non-Performing Assets (N.P.A's) of the company. Accordingly, Notice (S) dated - 19Dec 2020 and 05 Jan 2021 were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 and rules there-to, on their last Known addresses through India Post on 19 Dec 2020 and 06 Jan2021, however the same have been returned un-served and it is apprehended that the parties mentioned here-in are avoiding the service of the same, as such the Borrower (S) / Co-Borrower (S) / Guarantor (S) named bellow are hereby intimated by way of this publication notice to clear their entire outstanding dues for the loanfacilities availed and also for which securities have been created by them as detailed under:

c	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower & Address	Description of the Schedule Property	Notice Date & Amount(S) Demanded
1	**(Borrower) 1. Mr. N RANGANATHA** Residing at NO 100/ 5, RAMAGONDANAHALLI VARTHUR MAIN ROAD, WHITEFIELD POST BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT. **(Co-Borrower) 2. Mrs. KOMALA C** Residing at NO 100/ 5 RAMAGONDANAHALLI VARTHUR MAIN ROAD, WHITEFIELD POSTBANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT. **(Co-Borrower) 3. V N R TOURS AND TRAVELS** NO 100/ 5 RAMAGONDANAHALLI VARTHUR MAIN ROAD, WHITEFIELD POST, BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT. **4. Mr. N RANGANATHA** FLAT NO G -007, GCN WHITE PALMSAPARTMENT, RAMAGONDANAHALLI, MIDTOWN STRUCTURES JAGRITI THEATRE, WHITE FIELD, BANGALORE **5. Mr. N RANGANATHA** FLAT NO 109, GCN WHITE PALMS APARTMENT, RAMAGONDANAHALLI, MIDTOWN STRUCTURES JAGRITI THEATRE, WHITE FIELD, BANGALORE **6. Mr. N RANGANATHA** FLAT NO 307, GCN WHITE PALMS APARTMENT, RAMAGONDANAHALLI, MIDTOWN STRUCTURES JAGRITI THEATRE, WHITE FIELD, BANGALORE **7. Mr. N RANGANATHA** FLAT NO 320, GCN WHITE PALMS APARTMENT, RAMAGONDANAHALLI, MIDTOWN STRUCTURES JAGRITI THEATRE, WHITE FIELD, BANGALORE **8. Mrs. KOMALA C** FLAT NO G - 007, GCN WHITE PALMS APARTMENT, RAMAGONDANAHALLI, MIDTOWN STRUCTURES JAGRITI THEATRE, WHITE FIELD, BANGALORE **9. Mrs. KOMALA C** FLAT NO 109, GCN WHITE PALMS APARTMENT, RAMAGONDANAHALLI, MIDTOWN STRUCTURES JAGRITI THEATRE, WHITE FIELD, BANGALORE **10. Mrs. KOMALA C** FLAT NO 307, GCN WHITE PALMS APARTMENT, RAMAGONDANAHALLI, MIDTOWN STRUCTURES JAGRITI THEATRE, WHITE FIELD, BANGALORE **11. Mrs. KOMALA C** FLAT NO 320, GCN WHITE PALMS APARTMENT, RAMAGONDANAHALLI, MIDTOWN STRUCTURES JAGRITI THEATRE, WHITE FIELD, BANGALORE	All the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Flat No – 109 North Facing measuring 1180 Sq.ft, along with 413 Sq.ft of UDS, Flat No – 320 measuring 1110 Sq.ft, along with 389 Sq.ft of UDS, Flat NO – 307 North Facing measuring 1180 Sq.ft along with 413 Sq.ft of UDS, Flat No – 007 North GF:1180 Sq.ft along with of 413 Sq.ft of UDS in the property Sy. No.10/2 measuring 1 acre 4 guntas, situated at khayamgutta Ramagondanahalli R Narayanapura K.R Puram Hobli Bangalore presently within the limits of BBPIP and bounded on : East by : Doppanahalli Shamanna & Chilka GudevatappaL and West by : Road North by : Land in the same number belongs to M.R. Anjan South by : Remaining land in some Sy. Number	**05 Jan 2021** **₹ 1,56,44,958/-** **(Rupees One Crore Fifty Six Lakh Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Only)** **Loan account no - LSBGL00417-180001248**
2	**(Borrower) 1. Mr. B P SINGH** NO 14/15, DEFENCE RESIDENCY, KATTIGENAHALLI, BAGALUR MAIN ROAD, YELAHANKA POST, BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT - 560064 **2. Mr. B P SINGH** ANUKUL TECHNOLOGY INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED NO 14/15, DEFENCE RESIDENCY,KATTIGENAHALLI, BAGALUR MAIN ROAD, YELAHANKA POST,BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT – 560064 **(Co - Borrower) 3. Mrs. RENU SINGH** NO 14/15, DEFENCE RESIDENCY, KATTIGENAHALLI, BAGALUR MAIN ROAD, YELAHANKA POST, BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT – 560064 **4. Mrs. RENU SINGH** NO 30, CHAKRADHAR MANSION, DURGAMBA LAYOUT, DEFENCE RESIDENCY, KATTIGENAHALLI, BAGALUR MAIN ROAD, YELAHANKA POST, BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT – 560064 **5. Mrs. RENU SINGH** NO 14, 3RD CROSS, ASHWATH NAGAR, RMV 2ND STAGE, BANGALORE – 560006 **6. (Co - Borrower) M/S ANUKUL TECHNOLOGY INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED,** # NO 14/15, DEFENCE RESIDENCY, KATTIGENAHALLI, BAGALUR MAIN ROAD, YELAHANKA POST, BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT – 560064	All that piece and parcel of the Residential Immovable Property bearing site no 14, in survey no 40/4, situated at Geddalahalli village, Kasabahobli, Bangalore North taluk, Bangalore. Present municipal katha no 14, PID no 99-142-14, 3rd cross, Ashwathnagar, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward no 99, And together with consisting of 3 sqAcc sheet house with Red oxide flooring, Jungle wood doors and windows, with water and power supply connection. Measuring East to West: 42 ft and North to South: 34 ft. Totally measuring 1428 sqft, bounded on the: East by : Private property, West by : Road, North by : Site no 13, South by : Road then private property	**19 Dec 2020** **₹ 1,49,01,932/-** **(Rupees One Crore Forty Nine Lakh One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Two and Twenty Paise Only)** **Loan account no - LSBGL05117-180001556**
	(Borrower) 1. M/S. CEICO CONSULTING PVT LTD, #NO 232, 7TH CROSS ROAD, 1ST STAGE, INDIRANAGAR, BANGALORE - 560038 **2. M/S. CEICO CONSULTING PVT LTD,** # 25/7, BASEMENT FLOOR, BELOW SBI BANK, OUTER RING ROAD, NEXT TO JALSARESTAURANT, DODDANEKKUNDI, BANGALORE - 560037 **(Co - Borrower)3. Mr. Gerald Correya,** #178, RSR COLONY, NEAR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, NEAR KAVERI BAKERY, IMMADAHALLI ROAD, WHITEFIELD P.O, BANGALORE– 560066 **4. Mr. Gerald Correya** # 25/7, BASEMENT FLOOR, BELOW SBI BANK, OUTER RING ROAD, NEXT TO JALSA RESTAURANT, DODDANEKKUNDI, BANGALORE - 560037 **(Co - Borrower) 5. Mrs. Mini Thomas,** # 6-111, 3rd CROSS, HENNUR ROAD, LINGARAJPURAM, BANGALORE - 560084 6. Mrs. Mini Thomas, # NO 232, 7TH CROSS ROAD, 1ST STAGE, INDIRANAGAR, BANGALORE - 560038 **(Co - Borrower) 7. Mrs. Anuradha Mahadevan,** # D-4, 2nd BLOCK, GALAXY ENCLAVE, 7TH CROSS, KAGGADASAPURA MAIN ROAD, BANGALORE - 560093 **8. Mrs. Anuradha Mahadevan** NO 232, 7TH CROSS ROAD, 1ST STAGE, INDIRANAGAR, BANGALORE - 560038	All the piece and parcel of Land, Garden bearing survey no – 25/2, measuring 0.10 Ten guntas out of 1 acre 33 guntas, plus 2 guntaskharab, situated at Hagadur village, Krishnarajapuramhobli, Bangalore south taluk and bounded on. East by : 14 ft left for road purpose upto this land. West by : Remaining property of vendors. North by : Vendors retained property. South by : Retained property of vendor. **Present Postal address of Property -** #178, RSR COLONY, NEAR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, NEAR KAVERI BAKERY, IMMADAHALLI ROAD, WHITEFIELD P.O, BANGALORE – 560066	**05 Jan 2021** **₹ 1,51,99,474/-** **(Rupees One Crore Fifty One Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four Only)** **Loan account no - LSBGL00115-160000342 and LSBGL00115-160000355**

This step is being taken for substituted service of the un-served notice (S). The above mentioned Borrower (S)/ Co-Borrower (S)/ Guarantor (S) are advised to make the payments of amount demanded above along with future interest and other charges accrued there-on, within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which (without prejudice to any other right remedy available with Indostar Capital Finance LTD) further steps for taking possession of the Secured Assets/Mortgaged property will be initiated under the provisions of Sec 13 (4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002 and Rules there –to. The parties named above are also advised not to alienate, create third party interest in the above mentioned properties on which Indostar Capital Finance LTD has the first Charge.

Place– Bangalore.
Date – 09.01.2021

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the Undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Papamma** D/o Late. Ramanjinappa and others has filed petition for death certificate of the petitioner father, Viz., **Ramanjinappa S/o Late Rangappa** was died on 24/05/1994 at Doddajala Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore. If any parties who have objections with regard to issue of death certificate can appear before the Hon'ble additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli **on 02/02/2021 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Mis No.284/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
T.K. SAVITHRAMMA, Advocate

IN THE COURT OF 1st ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C.Mis. No. 377/2020

Petitioner: Sri Hanumanthaiah S/o Late Chikkanna, aged about 64 years, Appugondanahalli village, Thyamagondalu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. -V/s - The Tahsildhar, Chief Registrar of Birth & Death, Nelamangala Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Hanumanthaiah S/o Late Chikkanna, aged about 64 years, residing at Appugondanahalli village, Thyamagondalu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk. I filed petition seeking order from the court to issue the death certificate by registering date of death of my father **Late Chikkanna S/o Late Honnaiah** died on 01-05-2003 at Appugondanahalli village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru rural District. Hence any person or any public related or interested in this matter are invited for any objections and may appear in person or through pleader on **02.02.2021** at 11.00 A.M. before the **Civil Judge and JMFC** Court at Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District and in default of your appearance filed, the petition will be heard by placing you exparte. Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 07-01-2021.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, (JMFC), Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **KIRAN KUMAR H.**, Advocate
B.H. Road, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala-562 123.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BENGALURU
No.4, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bangalore 560 025
O. A. No. 1291 / 2019

BETWEEN: ANDHRA BANK
Yeshwanthpur Branch, #14/43,
Bangalore - Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore 560022. ...**Applicant**
AND: 1) SRI. GANESH L
Prop: M/s PRERANA CARS
2) SMT MANJULA B N ...**Defendants**

Summons issued under Rule 23(viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 to the Defendant

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.47,81,277/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Only)**, together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on **07.04.2021 at 10.30 A. M.** in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the 5th day of January, 2021.

BY ORDER OF TRIBUNAL Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore

To: 1) SRI GANESH L, S/o Sri. Lakshmana,
Proprietor: M/s PRERNA CARS
No.37, Magadi Main Road, Near Veeresh Theatre, Agrahar Dasarahalli, Bangalore 560092.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client is intending to purchase the immovable property duly converted from agriculture into non agriculture industrial purpose, which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder from Sri. R. Chidananda, Aged about 44 years, Son of Sri. Rajanna, Residing at Srinagar 7th Cross, 3rd Main, Devarayapattana Post, Tumkur - 572102. Any person/s who claim any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien charge in relation to the schedule property or has any objections should lodge such claim or objections in writing with the undersigned together with supporting documents **within 10 days** from this date, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claim or objection and our client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Eastern portion of immovable property bearing Sy.No.5, duly converted from agriculture into non agriculture Industrial purpose (Cutting and Polishing of Granites), situated at Haraluru Village, Guluru Hobli, Tumkur Taluk and District, totally measuring 8596.91 square meters together with building shed constructed with columns and hallow cement blocks with sheet roofing for slabs cutting along with machineries and main panel board with 165 KVA transformer and cubical meter and all civic amenities and sketch issued by the Urban and Rural Planning Authority, Tumkur District and bounded on: East by : Road, West By : Remaining portion of land in Sy.No.5 of the Vendor, North By : Land bearing Survey No.4, South By : Land bearing Survey No.8.

Address for service:
L.T. GOPAL & H.C. RAJESH, Advocates,
No.115, S-4,5,6, II Floor,
Pamadi chambers, D.V.G. Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.
Mob: 9845059973/ 9845245676

PUBLIC NOTICE

That our client, Mr. Niranjana. K.C, is desirous of purchasing the following property from the owners, i.e., Mr. Somanna, S/o. Late Malappa @ Mallaiah, Aged about 43 years and Mrs. Shilpa. M, W/o. Mr. Somanna, aged about 32 years, both residing at Door No. 29, 3rd Cross, 1st Main Road, Marappa Layout, R.R. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560098.

Details of the Property : Property bearing Site No. 904 formed by the Bengaluru Development Authority, which is situated at Sir M Vishweswaraiah Layout, 1st Block, Bengaluru measuring East to West 12 metres and North to South 9 metres, in all 108 square metres and bounded on the

East by Site No. 911; **West by** Road; **North by** Site No. 903; and **South by** Site No. 905;

Any person having objection to the transaction for conveyance of the said property from its owners to our client, Mr. Niranjana. K.C shall communicate and inform the reasons for such objection within 7 days by contacting Mr. Niranjana. K.C who is residing at No. 573, 7th Main, KCHS Layout, Doddabasti Road, Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru - 560056 (Ph - 7899353625).

GAURAV G.K., Advocate
Office No. 103, # 180, Central Complex,
S.C. Road, Sheshadripuram,
Bengaluru - 560 020.
Bengaluru Date: 09.01.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients, **Smt. MEENU JAIN and Sri. SUNIL KUMAR JAIN** have negotiated to purchase from **Sri. M. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY**, S/o Late M. Yerukala Reddy, Aged about 51 years, R/at No. 21, Ferns Residency, K Narayanapura, Bengaluru – 560077, the property described in the schedule below. If any person has any claim or objection to the same, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. If within the said period, no objections are received, my client will proceed with the transaction as if there are no claims against the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Commercial property bearing flat No. G-1, BBMP Khatha No. 195/4-1/G-1, PID No. 83-54-195/4-1/G-1, in the Ground Floor of the Multi-storeyed building known as "FIRM'S LAND MARK", having super built up area of 1355 Sq. Feet along with one covered car parking space and 360.43 Sq. ft undivided right, title and interest in the land on which the apartment is constructed bearing previously portion of property No. 67/2, then changed as No. 195/4, BMP Khatha No. 195/4, presently No. 195/4-1, BBMP PID No. 83-54-195/4-1, situated at Kaggadasapura, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 200 feet, totally measuring 8000 Sq. feet and the entire land is bounded as follows: **EAST BY :** Properties belonging to Kormangala Annaiah and Lokesh Reddy, **WEST BY :** Properties belonging to Thimma Reddy & Annaiah, **NORTH BY :** Road, **SOUTH BY :** House Property of Smt. C. Shantha.

(H. N. SUNIL KUMAR), Advocate,
No. 3/16A, 2nd Floor, DBS Gurusiddappa
Building 4th main, Gandhinagar,
Bangalore- 09.Ph: 9448108130, 8105811322
Bangalore, Date: 09.01.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our client Mrs. Kamala Shivshankar intends to purchase the schedule property from its present owner Smt. Mallamma W/o Late Puttakamaya R/at Malleshwaram, Bangalore, if anybody is having any right over the property or claim and also any objection for purchase by me may file their objection writing along with documents within 7 days from this notice contact me. The property is situated at Srinivasapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala taluk Bangalore rural district.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of schedule in old survey no.212 present survey no. 212/1 measuring an extent of 2 acres 16 Guntas including kharab

East by : property belongs to Anusuyamma and Ramesh studio
West by : Remaining survey no. 212/5 (Mallamma)
North by : Remaining same Survey No. and present road
South by : Sri G.R.Reddy property

And also Survey no. 212/5 in survey no. 212/5 an extent of 14 Guntas

East by : Survey no. 212/1 property (Mallamma)
West by : Survey no. 212/6 M.Shivaraju property
North by : Remaining same survey no and road
South by : Survey no. 213 G.R. Reddy property.

ANANDA R., Advocate
No. 4996/11, "Monish Nivas", 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Dadapeer Layout, Near Euro Kids School, Sondekoppa Road, Nelamangala Town, Ph: 99803 72909

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PUBLICATION OF DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

To, **L Rachaiah** S/o late Lingaiah 15/277 PWD B Block Vasantha Nilaya r Court Road Chamarajanagar Dist 571342.

Smt.Vasantha - Guarantor W/o L Rachaiah 15/277 PWD B Block Vasantha Nilaya Court Road Chamarajanagar Dist 571342

SUB:Your loan A/cs.6365257120,6165354266,6381804107,538373335,6114767692 and 6112651534 with us - regarding

You committed default in repayment of loans to the tune of **Rs.31,80,370** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighty thousand three hundred and Seventy only) as on **20.11.2020** with further interest at the agreed rate till date of repayment. The Bank issued notice under the Act on **20.11.2020** calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs.31,80,370** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighty thousand three hundred and Seventy only) as on **20.11.2020** with further interest at the agreed rate till date of repayment. The notice was sent to you by Regd. Post A/D has been returned unserved. You are called upon to pay of **Rs.31,80,370** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighty thousand three hundred and Seventy only) as on **20.11.2020** with further interest at the agreed rate till date of repayment, within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is without prejudice to any other right/remedy available to the Bank.

SCHEDULE: The Specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder.

Mortgaged assets: Mortgaged assets :All the piece and parel of immovable property bearing assessment No.974/913, PID No 15-2-526-200 situated at 'B' Division, PWD colony Chamaraja nagara city measuring East to West: 40 feet North to South 60 feet along with building constructed thereon Bounded on East by: house of H V Srikantaiah, West by : House of Shivaswamy, North by : House of Chinnaswamy and South by :Road .

The above notice has been returned unserved when sent by post 3 times & the last time it was returned with reason"Addressee refused Hence returned to sender" on 06-01-2021.

Therefore to ensure good service of the notice under sec 13(2) of SARFAESI Act this Paper publication is given and public are requested to take note of the same.

Sd/-Authorized Officer.
Indian Bank

KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK

(A scheduled Bank owned by Government:Sponsored by Canara Bank)
Branch: Kumbalagodu Branch, Kumbalagodu, Bangalore-560074.
Ph No: 080-28437474. Email:br2206@kgbk.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank, Kumbalagodu Branch,** under the Securitization and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers/ mortgagor/guarantor to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on date mentioned below

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank,** for an amount mentioned as follows and interest plus charges thereon, till the date of realization of due.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrowers	Date of Possession Notice & Outstanding Amount and Demand notice Date.	Description of the Immovable Property
1	**Sri. Hanumaiah K.Y. S/o Yallappa,** K. Gollahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South tq.,	**Possession Notice Date : 05.01.2021 Rs. 1,49,552/-** **Demand Notice Date: 29.02.2020 Rs.1,33,451/- inclusive of interest up to 31.01.2020**	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House in Site No.153, V.P. Khata No. 176, measuring 102' X 48', situated at K.Gollahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, within the registration sub-district Kengeri and District Bengaluru Urban, Bounded on: **East by:** Mylarappa's Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** K. M. Mallaiah's Property, **South by:** Veeranna's property
2	**Smt. Hanumakka. H W/o Sasalaiah** and **Sri. R. Sasalaiah S/o Rangappa,** No.2496, 15th Main Road, D Group employees Layout, Veeranapalya, Srigandha Kavalu, Bangalore-91,	**Possession Notice Date : 07.01.2021 Rs. 4,11,671.67/-** **Demand Notice Date: 29.02.2020 Rs. 4,62,947.67/- inclusive of interest up to 11.02.2020**	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House in Site no.2496 formed on the land of Sy.No. 28, measuring 45' X 25', situated at Srigandhadakavalu, Yeshavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore, within the registration sub-district Nagarabhavi and District Bengaluru Urban, Bounded on **East by:** Site No.2505, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.2497, **South by :** Site No.2494.
3	**Smt. Nanjamani W/o Suresh,** No.5, Gudimavu Village, Kumbalagodu Post, Bangalore South Taluk and **Sri. T.Suresh S/o Thimmegowda,** No.5, Gudimavu Village, Kumbalagodu Post, Bangalore South Taluk,	**Possession Notice Date : 05.01.2021 Rs. 6,21,576/-** **Demand Notice Date: 26.02.2020 Rs. 7,10,055/- inclusive interest up to 07.02.2020**	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House in House Property No. 5, Assessement No. 17/5, Khata No. 42/17/5/42, New Sl No. 42, House No. 42, measuring 40'X30', situated at Gudimavu village, within the Registration sub-district Rajarajeshwarinagar and District Bengaluru Urban, Bounded on **East by:** Property of Channappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Remaining Property, **South by :** Remaining Property.
4	**Sri. Muthuraya S/o Late Hanumantharayappa** No.18, Hanumanthanagara Srigandhdakaval, Bangalore-91	**Possession Notice Date : 07.01.2021 Rs. 6,11,170/-** **Demand Notice Date: 29.02.2020 Rs. 7,41,231/- inclusive of interest up to 12.02.2020**	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House in House No. 18, Assessment no. 41/1E, measuring 30ft X 40ft totally measuring 1200 sq.ft, situated at Srigandhdakaval, Yeshavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore, within the registration sub-district Nagarabavi and district Bengaluru Urban, Bounded on **East by:** Muthuhanumaiah Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Mariyappa's Property, **South by:** K. C. Ramanna Property.
5	**Sri. Vijay Kumar S/o Late K. V. Venkataramaiah,** No.182, 18th Cross, 1st Main, Rajeevgandhi Nagar, Kebbehalla, Sunkadakatte, Viswaneedum Post, Bangalore-91,	**Possession Notice Date : 07.01.2021 Rs. 1,02,020.15/-** **Demand Notice Date: 28.02.2020 Rs. 1,42,115.15/- inclusive of interest up to 20.02.2020**	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House in House no.182, formed in Sy. No.43, & 44/1 measuring 45' X 30', situated at Srigandhadakaval village, Yeshavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore, within the registration sub-district Nagarabhavi and District Bengaluru Urban, Bounded on **East by:** Government Kaluve, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.183, **South by:** Site No.34.

Date : 09.01.2021
Place : Bangalore

Authorised Officer, KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK, Kumbalagodu Branch, Bangalore

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SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Corporate Office: # 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004.
Phone No.: 080-22956419 / 22956420, E-mail: corporate@vcb.co.in, Website: www.vcb.co.in

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, **M/s. Chourasia Interiors Pvt. Ltd.,** #22, I Cross, Aswathanagar, Marathalli, Bangalore - 560037 represented by its Directors and guarantors:- **Sri. Vijay Kumar Chourasia, Sri. Vinod Kumar Chourasia & Smt. Pramila Chourasia residing at the address** No. 525/526, "Sriharinivas", II Cross, Amarjyothi Layout, West Wing, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560 034 and **Smt. Rajani Chourasia** Legal heir of Late Vijay Prakash Chourasia residing at No.18, I Cross, II Main, (10th Cross), Doddanekkundi, Friends Layout, Chinnappa Garden, Bangalore - 560 037 having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Vijayanagar Branch, Bangalore - 560 040. The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs. 12,46,11,237/- (Rupees Twelve Crore Forty Six Lakhs Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Only) as on 30-06-2020** with further interest + cost along with interest at the applicable rate.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	DATE, TIME & PLACE OF AUCTION	RESERVE PRICE & EMD AMOUNT
1) All that Piece and Parcel of the land bearing Sy. No. 34, situated at Rampura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk measuring 1 acre 31.50 guntas out of 3 acres 23 guntas together with all rights appurtenances, whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Portion of Land belongs to Sri. B K Raghavendra, **North by:** Portion of Land belongs to Sri. B K Raghavendra, **South by:** Road **2)** All the piece and parcel of the land bearing **a)** Sy No.24/1 measuring 1 acre 11.50 guntas out of 2 acres 23 guntas. **b)** Sy No. 33/4 measuring 0 acre 29 guntas out of 1 acres 18 guntas. **c)** Sy No. 33/3 measuring 1 acre 13 guntas out of 2 acres 26 guntas. **d)** Sy No. 33/2 measuring 0 acre 16 guntas out of 0 acres 32 guntas. All the above lands are situated at Rampura village, Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East Taluk earlier Bangalore South Taluk, together with all rights appurtenances, whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and jointly converted for residential purpose vide order No. ALN(EBB) SR 65/12/12-13 dated 03.11.2012 by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore and Jointly bounded on: **East by:** Remaining portion belongs to Sri. B K Raghavendra, **West by:** Private property, **North by:** Private property, **South by:** Road.	**Monday, 18-01-2021 at 3.00 AM to 4.30 PM** **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Shankarpuram, Bangalore.**	**Rs. 18,05,07,000/-** (Rupees Eighteen Crores Five Lakhs and Seven Thousand Only) EMD: **Rs. 1,80,50,700/-** (Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakhs Fifty Thousand and Seven Hundred Only)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:

1) Details of the property to be auctioned can be obtained from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Vijayanagar Branch, Bangalore - 560040. (Ph. 080-22956413/414) on all working days during office hours.
2) The intending bidders should remit EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order / RTGS shall be drawn in favour of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore after the date of publication of this auction Sale Notice.
3) The EMD will be accepted on the previous day of the auction that is **from 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Shankarmutt Road, Bangalore** and latest by **18-01-2021 before 10.00 AM.**
4) The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price.
5) In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount shall be refunded without interest.
6) The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale.
7) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft / RTGS vide RTGS No. 006016100000001 and IFSC Code MVCB0000006 and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction.
8) The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws.
9) The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice.
10) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
11) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder **between 9.30 AM and 5.00 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule.
12) The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" and terms stipulated under securatization Act 2002. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the **Authorised Officer, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., # 109, Corporate Office, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004** or **Branch Manager, Vijayanagar Branch,** during office hours for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property **(Ph: 080-22956405/420/419/413/414),** E-Mail: **vij.branch@vcb.co.in**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 08-12-2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

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AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, **M/s. Chourasia Constructions Infrastructure India Pvt. Ltd.,** #22, I Cross, Aswathanagar, Marathalli, Bangalore-560037 represented by its Directors and guarantors:- **Sri. Vijay Kumar Chourasia, Sri. Vinod Kumar Chourasia & Smt. Pramila Chourasia residing at the address** No. 525/526, "Sriharinivas", II Cross, Amarjyothi Layout, West Wing, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560 034 and **Smt. Rajani Chourasia** Legal heir of Late Vijay Prakash Chourasia residing at No.18, I Cross, II Main, (10th Cross), Doddanekkundi, Friends Layout, Chinnappa Garden, Bangalore- 560 037 having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Vijayanagar Branch, Bangalore - 560 040. The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs. 1,20,88,659/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) due and payable amount as on 30-06-2020** with further interest + cost along with interest at the applicable rate.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	DATE, TIME & PLACE OF AUCTION	RESERVE PRICE & EMD AMOUNT
All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing No. 8, Khatha No. 419, old No. 39/1, situated at Munekolala Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 103 Ft and North to South (58' 6" + 56') / 2 totally measuring 5901.90 Sq Ft and bounded on: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Land in Sy. No.96, **North by:** Remaining portion in Sy. No.105/B, **South by :** Road.	**Monday, 18-01-2021 at 11.30 AM to 1.00 PM Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Shankarpuram, Bangalore.**	**Rs. 4,00,00,000/-** (Rupees Four Crores Only) EMD: **Rs. 40,00,000/-** (Rupees Forty Lakhs Only)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:

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2) The intending bidders should remit EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order / RTGS shall be drawn in favour of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore after the date of publication of this auction Sale Notice.
3) The EMD will be accepted on the previous day of the auction that is **from 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM** at **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Shankarmutt Road, Bangalore** and latest by **18-01-2021 before 10.00 AM.**
4) The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price.
5) In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount shall be refunded without interest.
6) The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale.
7) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft / RTGS vide RTGS No. 006016100000001 and IFSC Code MVCB0000006 and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction.
8) The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws.
9) The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice.
10) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
11) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder **between 9.30 AM and 5.00 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule.
12) The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" and terms stipulated under securatization Act 2002. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the **Authorised Officer, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., # 109, Corporate Office, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004** or **Branch Manager, Vijayanagar Branch,** during office hours for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property **(Ph: 080-22956405/420/419/413/414),** E-Mail: **vij.branch@vcb.co.in**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 08-12-2020

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Whereas, **M/s. Chourasia Infratech Pvt. Ltd.,** #22, I Cross, Aswathanagar, Marathalli, Bangalore - 560037 represented by its Directors and guarantors:- **Sri. Vijay Kumar Chourasia, Sri. Vinod Kumar Chourasia, Mamatha Chourasia & Smt. Pramila Chourasia residing at the address** No. 525/526, "Sriharinivas", II Cross, Amarjyothi Layout, West Wing, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560 034 and **Smt. Rajani Chourasia** Legal heir of Late Vijay Prakash Chourasia residing at No.18, I Cross, II Main, (10th Cross), Doddanekkundi, Friends Layout, Chinnappa Garden, Bangalore - 560 037 having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Vijayanagar Branch, Bangalore - 560 040. The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs. 4,80,35,002/- (Rupees Four Crore Eighty Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand and Two Only) as on 30-06-2020** with further interest + cost along with interest at the applicable rate.

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	DATE, TIME & PLACE OF AUCTION	RESERVE PRICE & EMD AMOUNT
SCHEDULE – I All that Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Sy. No.40/1(portion) situated at Hancharahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk E Khatha Property No.150200401601120100 as per village panchayat E Khatha present property No.265/40/1 measuring 0 acre 25.12 guntas of converted land out of 25.75 guntas of total land and bounded on: **East by:** Land of Lakshmidevamma, **West by:** Road and property of Kempanna, **North by:** Remaining portion of Land bearing in same Sy.No.40/1, **South by:** Property of Tangaraju. **SCHEDULE – II** All that piece and parcel of the land bearing No.28/2(Old Sy No.28), situated at Doddabanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk earlier South Taluk E Khatha property No.150200401300520052, as per Village Panchayat E Khatha present property No.28/2 measuring 1 Acre 37 Guntas of converted Land out of 2 acres of total land and bounded on: **East by:** Remaining portion of same survey No. and Land belongs to Sri. Shivalingaiah, **West by:** Govt. Land Main Road, **North by:** Land belongs to Sri. Shivalingaiah, **South by:** Land belongs to Sri.Chikkabanahalli Bandappa.	**Monday, 18-01-2021 at 1.30 AM to 3.00 PM** **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Shankarpuram, Bangalore.**	**Rs. 12,02,00,000/-** (Rupees Twelve Crores and Two Lakhs Only) EMD: **Rs. 1,20,20,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs and Twenty Thousand Only)

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Place : Bangalore
Date : 08-12-2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

Putting an end to speculations Kerala Congress (M) chairman Jose K Mani resigned from the position of Rajya Sabha MP. Jose handed over the resignation letter to Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu in New Delhi on Saturday

GETTING POLL READY

AIADMK backs EPS as Tamil Nadu CM candidate

Party also gives powers to Palaniswami, Panneerselvam to devise strategies

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

THE AIADMK general council on Saturday unanimously endorsed Edappadi K Palaniswami as its chief ministerial candidate for the ensuing Assembly elections. The general council also accorded full powers to Palaniswami and O Panneerselvam to devise poll strategies, form alliances, and finalise seat-sharing talks with partners. The meeting also made it clear that the fight was between the two Dravidian majors, and that national parties had no major role.

In his 40-minute speech, Palaniswami promised to remain a faithful field worker and foot soldier of the party. Recalling his four-decade association with the AIADMK, he said, "The Chief Minister post is just a responsibility, and not a privilege. I consider each and every member of the party to be as important as the Chief Minister." He then thanked the general council for choosing him to lead the party into the next electoral battle.

"I am not a tall personality like MGR or Amma. But, by their blessings, and that of God, I have accomplished the task given to me to my satisfaction. I will continue to serve the people of Tamil Nadu and our party in the coming days. I am confident that I can better my services to the people with the experience gained during the past four years," Palaniswami added. He stressed on the need to complete the formation of booth-level youth brigades and women's units.

Palaniswami then attacked DMK chief MK Stalin for spreading malicious and fake propaganda about the government. "The allegations made by him are far from truth."

Tamil Nadu CM Palaniswami and Dy CM Panneerselvam at the AIADMK general council meeting held in Chennai on Saturday | ASHWIN PRASATH

TEAM TNIE

TOURISM SWINGS BACK WITH COVID ON DECLINE; BIRD FLU WAITS IN WINGS

Tourists throng Gokak falls in Belagavi | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

THE tourism industry in the state is on a rebound after a dull patch during the Covid-19 pandemic. The threat of Bird Flu adding to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic woes, has, however, barely dented the sector, which is seeing a revival with people stepping out of their cities, towns and villages with a vengeance following months of restrictions.

Officials and experts from tourism and hospitality sectors observe that tourist crowds have increased so much that roads leading to Mysuru, Ooty, Kodagu and other places from Bengaluru often seeing traffic gridlocks as most tourists from within the state prefer taking their own vehicles rather than rely on trains or government or private buses.

Six months from June to November 2020 saw Mysuru Palace registering 1.53 lakh tourists. But December alone registered 1.15 lakh footfalls and over 70 per cent of rooms in hotels were booked during the last week of December. The figure has slightly dipped now, more due to schools reopening than over fears of Bird Flu.

Also, with the corporate sector encouraging Work From Home (WFH) and schools and colleges starting their offline classes, with an option of continuing online sessions, people are considering this as a "break" and travelling, giving a boost to tourism in the state again.

A recent meeting of tourism department officials with all the stakeholders found that towards December-end, there was 80-90 per cent occupancy at hotels and homestays in Chikkamagaluru, Hassan and Kodagu, especially at the facilities run by the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation, Jungle Lodges & Resorts and established private properties.

Chikkamagaluru, with about 400 home stays, is known for its tourist destinations like Sringeri, Horanadu, Kalasa, Datta Peetha and Kemmannugundi. The owner of tourism department-approved tourist travels, Inayat, says footfalls — domestic and international — stood at 6,67,350 in January-February 2020, but fell to 1,23,104 in March with the Covid-19 outbreak, and April-May recorded zero visitors. But since November, the situation has improved, and although there is a threat of Birhid Flu looming, it has not impacted tourism in the district for now, he adds.

> The crowds have been overwhelming and more than last year in Chikkamagaluru, Mullayanagiri, Nandi Hills, Kodagu, Hassan and in forest patches. Locals are traveling more to nearby destinations compared to those coming in from other states
>
> — Ramesh K N, Director, State Tourism Department

> There is a lot of rush to nature spots. Pilgrims are individually going to Dharmasthala, Udupi and Kukke Subramanya and a gradual rise has been noticed here. We are hoping that in March- April things will improve as it is not just holiday season, but also financial year end
>
> — Chandrashekhar Hebbar, prez, Karnataka Hoteliers' Association

Home Stays Owners' Association vice-president Holadagadde Girish says, "Business has started picking up with 1,4,555 visitors coming to Malnad region. But Bird Flu may impact it again if cases start here."

BIG PICTURE

On December 25 and 26, 2020, resorts, home stays and lodges were booked to their capacity across Kodagu. The district had closed its doors for five months before opening it in August, although with stringent Covid-19 standard operating procedures in place. It started with a trickle with less than 10 per cent of tourist inflow in August-September, but the arrival of the festive season changed all that. "When all the rooms were booked, it felt like a major boom to the sector and that the industry was suddenly supplied with a lot of oxygen to recover," says Nagendra Prasad, president, Kodagu District Hotels & Resorts Association.

Chandrashekhar Hebbar, president, Karnataka Hoteliers' Association, says that the hospitality sector should stabilise now, as it is all about people's trust. Once they get over their fears and exercise caution, tourism will increase further. The news of Covid-19 vaccine coming, too, has given a fillip to the sector, he points out.

But the Bird Flu scare has hit the number of tourists visiting the Old Mysuru region, where a few popular bird sanctuaries and a zoo are located.

C Narayanagowda, president, Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association, says that the Bird Flu scare has indeed led to a slight drop in bookings since January 5. "Between December 24 and January 4, over 70 per cent of hotel rooms were booked and saw a good number of tourists, but there are lesser check-ins after January 5," he adds.

The Ranganthittu Bird Sanctuary, Kokkare Bellur and Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens that are some of the major tourist attractions are experiencing lesser number of visitors than in December.

But Mysuru zoo executive director Ajith Kulkarni says that all precautionary measures are in place on the zoo premises and there is no need to worry.

Sudhesh Shetty, a tourism industry expert from Udupi, denies that Bird Flu has impacted coastal tourism. He says the initial trouble caused by Covid is now fading. With the pandemic being managed well now, tourists are visiting beaches, temples and sight-seeing destinations in large numbers. In December, there were signs of recovery and now it is only gaining traction, he says.

Rajshekar Moolya, a tour operator at Maravanthe in Kundapur taluk, says "In fact, we never thought recovery will be this fast."

According to a senior official of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), "Every day, around 2,000 tourists throng the world-famous monuments at Pattadakalu, which is a UNESCO-recognised world heritage site, Badami caves, Gol Gumbaz and other historical places in Bagalkot and Vijayapura districts."

Since December third week and the beginning of 2021, there has been a mad rush of tourists to the historic fort, Chandravalli caves, Adu Malleshwara zoo and the Jogimatti forest in Chitradurga and the historic Vasantha Mantapa in Santhebennur, and Shanthi Sagar lake in Channagiri taluk of Davanagere district.

Tourist operator Channamallikarjun, who owns tourist cabs in Davanagere, says that for the last eight months, his income had touched the rock bottom and he was even unable to repay debts, "but now since last month, there is a recovery in incomes and vehicles are moving daily and a respectable income is being generated".

Across Uttara Kannada district, bookings at home stays and resorts are full up to January 31. The sector, which is on a path to recovery after a slump due to pandemic, appears to be sustaining the new Bird Flu threat as well.

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'Bird flu not new, but govt must act to contain it'

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AS the country is recovering from the impact of Covid19 and the new strain of the virus, news of Bird Flu cases has triggered panic among people. But noted wildlife expert Dr Samad Kottur, in an interview with *TNSE*, points ut that bird flu is not new and there is a need for more research.

Other states, like Kerala, have started mass culling of birds over bird flu scare. Should Karnataka too follow the procedure?

Mass culling of infected birds is only an emergency solution and prevention is better than cure. We need to disinfect bird locations in advance to stop the spread of infection. Lakes, bird reserves, sanctuaries, breeding and roosting spots of birds should be monitored and infected well in advance. But containing the spread of diseases among birds is not easy. Veterinary experts and virologists should be consulted. The government can take the help of local ornithologists to keep an eye on birds and to take preventive measures.

Do we need to worry about bird flu as it is now becoming an annual occurrence?

The inter-species barrier is becoming weak and that is why SARS, MERS, Covid and other such diseases are spreading from animals to humans. The government's task should be to stop any instance of bird flu spreading to humans and to find preventive measures. People should be told not to touch sick or dead wild birds and how to deal with such birds.

Different kinds of migratory birds arrive at different parts of Karnataka, which also has birds that are endemic to the region. There were reports of crows dying in Dakshina Kannada. Is it alarming?

Crows are scavengers, but have now become victims of pollution and pesticides. We need to double-check the cause of these deaths to find out whether they died because of some poison in the garbage or any other reason. In the backwaters of TB Dam and other reservoirs, as the water recedes, farmers broadcast seeds of black gram (urad dal), uddu etc., soaked with fungicide. A lot of migratory birds, swamp hens etc., have died in large numbers in the past due because of this. Any such mass deaths of birds cannot be attributed only to bird flu.

Is there enough research done on the cause of bird flu as some say people are the carries, while others say it is because of poultry and migratory birds?

We saw local chicken varieties suffering from a kind of disease during late winter and early summer some 40 years ago. Bird flu is not new and it has been there for ages. The problem has aggravated now because of more number of poultries, increased irrigated areas and wetlands, which attract migratory birds.

Which are the most vulnerable species and spots for bird flu?

Basically, the carriers are migratory birds. Villagers and common people should be made aware of the disease and told how to prevent it. Wearing of masks and gloves, hand sanitisation, etc will help in preventing the disease.

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CALL FOR UNITY

KTR urges parties to drop differences, work for poor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

TONING down his political enmity with opposition parties, Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD) Minister KT Rama Rao on Saturday, in an obvious reference to the BJP, asked them to set aside their political and ideological differences. Instead, they should strive for the welfare of the people and the development of Telangana, he said while attending a series of events in Hyderabad.

The Minister said it is alright for parties and their candidates to compete with each other during elections to emerge victorious, but after that the elected leaders, irrespective of their political affiliations, should work together and extend their cooperation for the welfare of the poor.

KTR inaugurated 126 double-bedroom Dignity Houses built at a cost of ₹10.89 crore at Lambada thanda in Bagh Lingampally. He warned the beneficiaries that the State government will cancel their pattas if they rent out or sell their houses.

The government has spent nearly ₹8.65 lakh on each house and their market value ranges from ₹40 lakh to ₹50 lakh. It has also allocated a whopping ₹18,000 crore for the construction of 2.72 lakh 2BHKs in the State, including one lakh houses in the Greater Hyderabad limits at an estimated cost of ₹9,714 crore, he said.

Telangana is the only State in the country, which has taken up such a massive housing project for the poor and weaker sections of the society, KTR said. Using the Covid-19 pandemic as an example, he appealed to the beneficiaries to keep their surroundings clean and ensure that garbage is cleared on a daily basis in order to keep diseases at bay.

Fiscal health took a hit with Covid, disasters: BSY

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TO a query on the government's reduced spending for the development of the Kalyana-Karnataka region, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said, "Due to Covid-19 and natural disasters, the fiscal health of the state has taken a hit. The focus will be on the comprehensive growth of the state, including tackling of the pandemic. Proportionate funds will be allocated to all regions of the state in the coming years as the situation improves," he reasoned.

Refusing to comment on the issue of some BJP MLAs being photographed with Yuvaraj, the prime accused in a cheating case, Yediyurappa maintained that investigations are going on and added that the law will take its own course.

EXPRESS READ

ED court summons Jagan, Vijayasai on Jan 11

Hyderabad : In a significant development, the Special Enforcement Directorate Court has issued summons to Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, YSRC MP V Vijayasai Reddy and the directors of pharmaceutical companies Hetero, Aurobindo and Trident Life Sciences Limited, directing them to appear before it on January 11 in the case pertaining to alleged disproportionate assets of Jagan.

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MOBOCRACY: IS IT JUST IN TRUMPISTAN?

THE THIRD EYE

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THE idea of democracy, as we know it, stems from the success of the Roman Republic. It was the history of the republic which inspired the founding fathers of the United States and democracies which followed. Ironically, the divisiveness, the pandering of partisan politics which catalysed its collapse is inspiring demagogues in democracies.

Around 82 BC, in the run up to the collapse of the Roman Republic, Lucius Cornelius Sulla, Consul and General, recruited a private army, promising the hapless and poor enrichment, and waged war on Rome. Backed by the army, Sulla forced the Senate to ignore the constitution, bypass the checks and balances and installed himself as the dictator of Rome — the bundle of rods called fasces used by his personal guards paved the etymology of the phrase 'fascism'. It was the beginning of the end!

On Wednesday, Donald J Trump presented to Americans and the world at large, verily in the form of a live reality show, an idea of what delusional doctrinaire and demagoguery can 'accomplish' within hours. To paraphrase the words of the Bard, Trump knew that the people would willingly believe what they wished for. The images of indoctrinated men whom Trump promised a voice walking away with the Speaker's lectern, struck terror among the elected and the electors. The shattering of glass in the chambers at the Capitol symbolised the fragility and vulnerability of democracy when faced with mobocracy.

The riveting image of protesters posing inside the chambers under the emblematic motto of the US, 'E Pluribus Unum' which is Latin for 'out of the many, one', symbolised the upending of the essence of democracy. The spectacle triggered schadenfreude across the world — curiously, even some Trump wannabes and acolytes on the British Isles, expressed concern! One viral WhatsApp forward, illustrating ire at the history of regime changes engineered by the US, summed up the third world view: 'Due to Covid19 travel restrictions this year, the US had to organise a coup at home'.

Commentators struggled to define the moment before arriving at a consensus to characterise it as an 'insurrection'. The moment though was long coming. Ergo, the consensus opinion of the events has been 'shocking but not surprising'. There is talk about who caused it, a possible second impeachment in the coming week but scant attention to the why. Donald J Trump presented the embodiment of WYSIWYG — What You See Is What You Get. From the ugly expression of his charm before his election to the weaponisation of words through his tenure, Trumpism found subscription, faith and over 74 million voters.

This week, it was fashionable for Retrumplicans — who funded his campaign and hung on to his words and coat-tails to bask in prominence — to jump off the ship. It is as if the words and deeds which preceded Wednesday, from demanding personal loyalty to finding votes, were kosher, as if they were compelled to await the worst. Such is the convenience of conviction.

Fact is Trump, and Trumpism, represent a world view — spanning a range of dilemmas ranging from personal to political to geopolitical. This week, tech giants suspended his social media accounts. But it is not an accident that a man who on Friday could not be trusted with 140 characters was entrusted by the people with access to the world's largest nuclear arsenal.

The rise of Trumpism represents a visceral reaction to the intellectual lethargy, even hypocrisy of the entrenched and entitled. Yes it illustrates the immense power of bigotry, a latent lust for the hegemony of homogeneity of ideology and identity. More critically, Trumpism illuminates the fault lines and failings of representative democracy across the world. In the new millennium, the rising tide of disruptions triggered the age of discord, aggravated grievances and victimhood. The grief of those in the dust bowls in India or the rust belt of America is about being driven to penury, but more so about not being even heard.

The spectre could darken further as climate change triggers internal and international migration, as digitisation displaces employment. The practice of democracy entails consensual compromise on competing contradictions so as to preserve order to move ahead, but the space for dialogue has shrunk as leaders paint dissent as villainy and social media algorithms serenade conversations into cocoons of groupthink.

The inadequacies of democratic systems to address inequities, the rise of the few at the cost of the many, the inequality of opportunity and wealth is fuelling normalisation of the seductive idea of the suzerainty of an individual over sovereign institutions. German historian Oswald Spengler said rather succinctly "democracy becomes its own destroyer, after money has destroyed intellect". The cartelisation of opinion and centralisation of power eventually morphs into mobocracy.

In the best of times, democracy is a complex experiment in controlled conditions. What is transpiring in the oldest democracy, and the world's richest nation, has salutary lessons for democracies across the world.

IS THIS WHAT DEMOCRACY HAS COME TO?

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

INCREDIBLE things are happening in America. An incumbent President refusing to vacate office is unheard-of. Donald Trump is doing what no US President has done in the past, indeed, what no government head in a democracy has done. The result is not just the crumbling of American democracy; physical attacks are taking place by one group against another. Barack Obama put it right when he said that violence at the US Capitol Hill had brought shame to the US.

To see the horror of what is happening in America (of all places, America, long considered a model of democracy), think of India in 2014. A general election took place in April-May that year. The alliance led by the BJP won a sweeping victory, taking 336 seats although the BJP itself got only 31 per cent of the votes. Other parties could have used that fact as an excuse to throw out the BJP. But no one protested when the BJP alliance formed the government.

What happened in America was the opposite of what happened in India. Thousands of Trump supporters started rioting, interrupted a joint session of the American Congress that was underway and created general mayhem in Washington DC.

Ex-President Obama said: "History will rightly remember today's violence at the Capitol, incited by a sitting President who has continued to baselessly lie about the outcome of a lawful election, as a moment of great dishonour and shame for our nation." He didn't leave it at that. He hit the bull's eye by adding: "We'd be kidding ourselves if we treated [the violence] as a total surprise."

Trump supporters stormed the Capitol building with a clear intent: Disrupting the electoral count. The count had to be formally completed to formally declare the winner. The pro-Trump rioters were fully prepared for the assault they carried out. The whole city of Washington DC was in chaos, four men were killed in the violence and the Mayor was forced to impose a curfew. Biden was finally certified as the winner and his inauguration is due on January 20. Will the American Capital see more violence caused by a President rebelling against his voters?

No American President in the past had acted so selfishly and in defiance of voters. Even George W Bush, not exactly an enlightened leader, said it was a "sickening and heart-breaking sight. This is how election results are disputed in a banana republic, not in our democratic republic."

Another former President, Bill Clinton, was more downright. Keeping Trump's self-centred politics in mind, he said that the assault on the Capitol was fuelled by more than four years of "poison politics". That reference to the Trump brand of leadership was capped with the accusation that this President was "pitting Americans against one another". Hillary Clinton went so far as to call Trump and his associates "domestic terrorists".

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Such was the unprecedented nature of the violence in America that expressions of shock came from all corners of the world. Indian public opinion was strong that subversion of the democratic process was not merely unlawful but also dangerous. Narendra Modi was finally forced to distance himself from the man he proudly called a friend during the euphoria of the Howdy Modi days.

The bizarre Modi-Trump camaraderie grew more bizarre when Trump's America conferred on Modi the American medal for meritorious service. The show of unusual recognition was sudden and its reasons unexplained. Of course, India is of value to the US as a buyer of American arms. But what was on show here was not the India-US ties but the Modi-Trump ties. It was a tactical mistake for India to be seen as a Trump client. The price for that Modi folly will have to be paid during the Biden years. It won't be easy. Modi being a natural embracer, it will be hard for him to accept the reality that everybody does not like being hugged. In Wuhan in 2019, Xi Jinping received him with a shake-hand.

The big question is: Do shake-hands and hugs produce results in politics? Modi's embraces are seen worldwide as part of his showmanship. They have won no friends for India. Not even in the immediate neighbourhood. India needs to grow beyond the idiosyncrasies of individuals in power. Greater is the need for the US to rise above the madness of a sitting President.

DIDIGIRI VS MODIMAGIC: DIVIDE AND POOL GAME

POWER & POLITICS

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POLITICS is botany in West Bengal. A political garden war is on between two distinct floral species: the blooming lotus versus two leaves and flower clinging to its grassroots. The BJP hopes its lotus symbol will edge out Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's leaves. The Congress and arch-rival CPI(M) alliance against her is more symbolism than symbols. Political paraglider Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMM symbolises a gadfly wishing to become a butterfly. The famed Eden Gardens has turned into muddy political slush where Mamata is facing much mudslinging from antagonists and disgruntled defectors.

Twenty-two years ago, Mamata floated the TMC to obliterate the CPI(M). A prolific painter, it was she who conceived her party's symbol. She explains the philosophy behind the logo on the party website, "It was the message of secularism. '*Ek e brinte duti kusum, Hindu Musalman, ekjon tar noyonmoni onno ti tar pran*' (Two buds on the tree, Hindu and Muslim) If one of them is the eye, then the other is life)". The Election Commission reluctantly approved the logo but also strictured that if the TMC failed to get six percentage of votes in the 12th Lok Sabha polls, the logo would be binned. Mamata raced past the cut-off percentage and the party came into its own. Later, she would win numerous elections by mobilising both Muslims and Hindus.

The 2021 dynamics will determine whether this election will be Mamata's last stand or Modi's first hurrah in Bengal. Lone ranger Mamata's twin virtues are unifying communities and taking her rivals head on. The BJP is her most powerful and dangerous foe. Bengal, the land of the bhadralok and liberal intellectuals, has become a battleground to demolish individuals rather than replacing the party in power. If in rest of the country, the struggle is between Modi and the rest of the Opposition, it is just between Mamata and everyone else in Bengal. Having tasted blood in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP has converted Kolkata into a warzone where senior leaders like Amit Shah and others have launched a blitzkrieg against Fort Mamata.

For both the BJP and the Left, Didi is the deadliest political peril who has torched Sonar Bangla. They realise that she has projected herself as the commoner's champion. For many years, she lived in a semi pucca roadside house as chief minister. She dresses in a trademark white cotton sari and wears only sandals — ironically, a Maximum Marxist of the masses. It was her earthy personality that enabled her to uproot the Left Front government after 34 years of uninterrupted Red rule. However, there is a dark side to her that the BJP is shining its saffron torch on.

Mamata's name is synonymous with corruption and nepotism. She is the ultimate minority appeaser. The TMC uses arms and violence to silence Mamata's opponents and capture power. But Didi to her followers and Pishi to others, the feisty chief minister is armed with arsenal and agenda. Her admirers believe that she is the only tall Opposition leader who stands in the way of Modi conquering East India. When the BJP took out a three kilometre road show, she beat them with a six kilometre yatra of her own. If her supporters are attacked, the TMC's retaliation is equally murderous.

Undoubtedly, Mamata is being pushed against the wall today. She is confronted with a massive revolt and corruption allegations. She has also been accused of invoking family rule through her nephew. But she is only being true to her nature and political style. She reportedly began her political career unafraid to walk directly into the fire. In the mid- 1970s, when Jayaprakash Narain was the prime crusader against Indira Gandhi, Mamata parked herself on his car bumper during a Kolkata protest, almost perched on the bonnet, to make feisty orations.

In 1984, she became the youngest Lok Sabha member by defeating the colossal comrade Somnath Chatterjee. Didi is known to resort to extreme positions to serve her purpose. When she found the Congress was soft towards the Marxists, she chose to go it alone. In 1996, as a token gesture of defiance, she wrapped a black shawl around her and threatened self-immolation in Alipore. A year later, she left the Congress to launch TMC. Mamata Banerjee's journey from an ordinary Youth Congress leader to Writer's Building has numerous high points. She was India's first female railway minister. She is the first female chief minister of Bengal. Mamata's TINA factor is the TMC' sales pitch.

The party claims that during her ten-year rule, the state has performed in a stellar fashion on various parameters from GDP growth to all social sectors. Partymen claim Bengal is much better place to live and prosper now. Mamata stopped capital flight from the state. She created a new social engineering superstructure enabling the rich and the poor, Hindus and the Muslims, and labourers and the owners to survive and thrive together. A post graduate in Islamic History, she is trying to retain her secular unifier image. Thanks to her excessive electoral elevation of the minorities, Mamata could grab over two thirds of seats in the previous Assembly elections. Her credibility as the messiah of Muslims was well-established when she left the NDA.

Since rural Bengal played decisive role in the electoral victory of the Left, she took up the farmers' cause. When the CPI-M government acquired land from farmers in Singur, Mamata sat on a 25-day hunger strike. She was able to wean away the intellectuals from the Communists through peaceful protest, which was in contrast with the bloody scythe and hammer method the Marxists used to govern and terrify Bengalis. At the same time, she is politically sensitive to the nuances of the corporate world. Now, she aims to create a new record by winning a third term and become the longest serving chief minister after Jyoti Basu in Bengal.

Didi's adversaries are trying to split her vote bank comprising both the minorities and the majority. They have weaponised her dictatorial style to split her party. The BJP, a master at partitioning parties through either persuasive or punitive actions, is the most active player on the board. Over the past two years, it has wooed away some of the TMC's tainted powerful grassroots leaders. It has polarised Hindu voters by raising the issue of liberal financial grants to Muslim institutions by the TMC government. According to Bengal watchers, it is cognisant of the reality that winning a majority of 150 seats as against just four now is almost impossible unless it can split the Muslim vote that constitutes over 28 per cent of the electorate and decides the final outcome in 70 seats.

The BJP, however, hasn't projected any Muslim leaders of its own. In 2011, of the 184 seats TMC won 25 were Muslims; the number rose to 32 in 2016. But there are others who want to split the Muslim votes, too. Owaisi is likely to contest 70 Assembly seats which are the TMC's sure bets. The Congress-Left alliance will also cleave the Muslim and pro-TMC votes. It is not that any party is offering a better agenda for governance. The Bengal pitch is a game of four Ms — Mamata, Modi, Marxists and the Muslims.

QUOTE CORNER

We believe the risks of allowing the president to continue to use our service during this period are simply too great. Therefore, we are extending the block we have placed on his Facebook and Instagram accounts indefinitely...

Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook CEO

History will rightly remember today's violence at the Capitol, incited by a sitting president who has continued to baselessly lie about the outcome of a lawful election, as a moment of great dishonour and shame for our nation

Barack Obama, former US President

We are declaring a major incident because the threat this virus poses to our city is at a crisis point. If we do not take immediate action now, our NHS (National Health Service) could be overwhelmed and more people will die

Sadiq Khan, London mayor

MAILBAG WRITE TO letters@newindianexpress.com

Need to check digital rackets

It is unfortunate that some youths have fallen prey to digital lending rackets that have surfaced in the wake of Covid-induced unemployment and cash crunch. Faced with unbearable interest levy, harassments by these unscrupulous and illegal lenders, many youths have committed suicide by now. Hyderabad Police has nabbed some of the 'brains' behind the online racket. Kerala Police has also launched action. While one hopes all the fraudsters will be brought to book, the development points to a dire need of educating the people on the risks of stepping into the rough waters of loans. A loan should be resorted to only when absolutely needed, and on transparent terms.

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Council's stand disappointing

The Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council saying that proof was not established in Sr Abhaya case and the investigation was able to satisfy only an artificially developed public thinking is disappointing and disquieting. The Church would do well to ponder over its own role in helping to unveil the truth involved in the case. Did the Church render any help to the victim's family to pursue the case? It goes without saying the Church was quite particular in assisting/supporting the accused in defending themselves. Sorry to say, the Church has to learn a lot from the petty thief called 'Adakka' Raju who stood his ground to tell the truth nothing but the truth despite grave threats and enticing temptations. Astute and shrewd arguments may help win cases. But every accused knows in his heart of hearts whether he or she is guilty or not. It all boils down to a question doing justice to one's own conscience.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Safety must for forest guards

India accounted for 30% of fatalities among forest rangers in the world is alarming, which needs to be addressed ("Arm forest guards against poachers: SC to states"; Jan 9). The Supreme Court's urge on Friday to the state governments to provide firearms and bulletproof jackets to the forest officials just like Assam is a great relief to forest officials, not only in their protection from poachers who normally heavily armed but also poachers not becoming dare devil in targeting tracts of forest land and flora and fauna. Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka forest officials, who are out with just a lathi while roaming on duty, becoming vulnerable to the assaults by poachers, will be beniftted with this switchover. Even the state will benefit with its forest potential safeguarded effectively.

VN Subramanyam, Bengaluru

Trump's last act of defiance

This is in reference to captioned report (NIE, Jan 9) highlighting that embattled US President Trump, who is instrumental in inciting his supporters for undertaking the recent Capitol siege after losing self-control over the poll loss, would skip the inauguration of Joe Biden as the next US President. Since 1869, not an outgoing President has missed such ceremony symbolising peaceful transition of power. In fact, the entire episode essentially is an outcome of his own folly of causing much unprecedented confusion in American democracy for which he alone is squarely responsible.

Jaya Thampi, Kollam

Not fair to attack corporates

This is in reference to the news, 'Agriculture laws rollback only solution: Congress'. It is undeniable that the farmers agitation is prolonging with no solution in sight since both the farmers and the Centre are inflexibile, pointing fingers at each other. There is no doubt that farmers and soldiers are like two eyes of a nation. But the frequent mention of industrialists as exploiters andother accusations by Rahul Gandhi and opposition leaders are not in good taste. We need not teach them about the importance of industrialists who are job providers. Also, the erstwhile Congress government was accused of crony capitalism by none other that the opposition itself.

S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
Curbing the freedom of expression of those who incite violence & other anti-democratic behaviour is needed in Twitter too

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Making a mockery of talks with farmers, Sabotaging a resolution – Modi style. Insulting annadatas only strengthens the resolve to intensify the struggle

Mayawati @Mayawati
Negotiations between Centre and farmers once again failed, which is extremely worrying. Centre is again requested to accept demands

100 British MPs urge Johnson to take up farmers' issue with Modi

MPs write to UK PM saying they are horrified to see water cannons used against farmers

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

OVER 100 British parliamentarians, cutting across party lines, have written to Prime Minister Boris Johnson urging him to take up the issue of farmers' agitation in India with his counterpart Narendra Modi.

The letter dated January 5, penned by Slough MP Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi and signed by over 100 lawmakers, said many are "horrified to see footage of water cannon, tear gas and brute force being used" against hundreds of farmers peacefully protesting. "The issue has galvanised to such a level that the Indian diaspora is engaged in global protests, including in towns and cities across the UK," the letter says.

The MPs urged Johnson to confirm that he would take up the matter with PM Modi. "We believe that your January visit to India has now been cancelled, but you intend to meet your Indian counterpart soon. Given the urgency of this matter, could you please confirm that you will definitely convey to the Indian Prime Minister the heart-felt anxieties of our constituents and our hopes for a speedy resolution to the current deadlock?" stated the letter.

Raising the issue of Johnson earlier making a reference to Pakistan while answering a question relating to the agitation, the letter stated that Pakistan was not a party in the issue. "You were asked about the agitation on December 9. It seems you misunderstood the question, since you made a reference to Pakistan and the need for those two governments to settle these matters. The issue has nothing to do with Pakistan, but is regarding farmers from across India expressing their concerns over a major corporate moving into the sector as result of the new agriculture laws," the letter further said.

The letter goes on to add that the lawmakers had earlier urged Foreign Secretary Domnic Raab to raise the matter with his Indian counterpart. The official had stated it was taken up with Indian Foreign Minister, but not with the PM.

Actress Swara Bhaskar joins farmers protest at Tikri border in Haryana on Saturday | SHEKHAR YADAV

'Protest at border causing hardship, inconvenience'

New Delhi: An affidavit has been before the Supreme Court seeking a direction to remove the protesting farmers from Delhi borders immediately. The affidavit was filed two days ahead of the apex court hearing plea against the contentious farm laws. Petitioner Rishabh Sharma urged the court to order immediate removal of the farmers blocking crucial Delhi/NCR border points like Singhu, Tikri, Ghazipur and Chilla and "causing immense hardship and inconvenience" to lakhs of commuters daily. According to the petitioner, the blockage of roads and borders in such a manner is causing hardships for the people who are facing difficulties during travelling for the purpose of earning their livelihood.

Use Food Security Act to double farmers' income, says ex-bureaucrat

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

EVEN as doubling of farmers' income remains an elusive task for the NDA government at the Centre, it could look at the provisions of National Food Security Act (NFSA) for a possible short-cut.

Putting spot light on 67 per cent of the population being provided wheat and rice at cheaper rates of ₹2 and ₹3 per kg respectively, former Union Agriculture secretary Siraj Husssain on Saturday said the farmers' income could be increased by rising the price of food grains being provided under the NFSA.

"There are provisions in the NFSA to increase the price of grains for the needy, but that did not happen. Should we really give wheat and rice at ₹2 and ₹3 per kg to 67 per cent of our population? My answer is in the negative," Hussain remarked while taking a part in a webinar organised on Saturday by the India Policy Foundation. Hussain, while referring to the discontent among farmers, said it is not possible to procure all food grains on Minimum Support Prices (MSP). He argued the wheat procured at ₹18 per kg actually comes at an economic cost of ₹25 per kg. For rice, the amount goes up to Rs 35 per kg.

It may be noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had given a call for doubling farmers' income by 2022, but the deadline has since been pushed further, with the Centre switching gear to lay stress on the implementation of the Swaminathan Commission report and increased MSP.

Umendra Dutt, executive director, Kheti Virasat Mission, Punjab linked the depleted water table in the state to the MSP-driven farming. He argued that every state should meet the requirements of at least 4-5 commodities locally, which can ensure that the farmers won't be dependent on MSP.

He said one of the ways to address the farmers' stress could be to look at the China model of direct income support. He also reasoned that the country should avoid frequent shocks to the economy, so that alternative income avenues can be made available to farmers. "Till then, direct income support will be a better way to maintain farmers' income," added Hussain.

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> Siraj Husssain, Ex- Union Agriculture secy

FIRST SHOT

Vaccination starts on Jan 16, 3 crore frontliners to get jab

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE vaccination drive against Covid-19 will begin on January 16, the Centre on Saturday announced after Prime Minister Narendra Modi reviewed the preparedness for the exercise. "After the detailed review, it was decided that in view of the forthcoming festivals, including Lohri, Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Magh Bihu etc., the Covid-19 vaccination will start from January 16," said the Union Ministry of Health in a statement.

The Drug Controller General of India had granted restricted emergency use or accelerated approval for two vaccines — Covidshield and Covaxin — which, according to him, had established safety and immunogenicity. An estimated three crore healthcare and frontline workers would be the first to get the jab, followed by the above 50-year age, and the under-50 age groups with co-morbidities. The second group numbers around 27 crore, said the ministry.

Nearly 97 lakh beneficiaries are registered on the Co-Win vaccine delivery system, touted as the crucial technological tool to drive the exercise. Around 2,360 trained vaccine administrators, over 61,000 programme managers, two lakh vaccinators, and 3.7 lakh vaccination team members will carry out the exercise.

Police probing vaccine volunteer's death in MP

ANURAAG SINGH & SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ Bhopal/New Delhi

THE Bhopal police have begun a probe into the death of a 45-year-old daily wage labourer, days after he participated in Bharat Biotech's Covid-19 vaccine trial although the post mortem had report said he died of poisoning.

Deepak Marawi, a tribal daily wager, had participated in the trial on December 12 and died nine days later at Bhopal's People's College of Medical Sciences and Research Centre.

After registering a case under Section 174 CrPc, the police have sought information about the vaccine company, the dosage administered to Marawi, a certified copy of his formal consent and other related documents, besides certified copies of the reports of clinical investigations carried out to medically check the man before the vaccination.

Marawi's autopsy report had mentioned "death due to cardio respiratory failure as a result of suspected poisoning" but the family of the daily wager alleged that no proper medical investigation was carried out.

Bharat Biotech said in a statement the volunteer, at the time of enrolment, had fulfilled all the inclusion and exclusion criteria to be accepted as a participant in the Phase III trial and was reported to be healthy in all the site follow-up calls post seven days of his dosing and no adverse events were observed or reported.

'Indian students must continue online classes'

NEWDELHI: The Indian Embassy in Beijing has advised Indian students studying in Chinese universities to continue online classes as China has denied permission to operate chartered flights citing Covid measures. "In fact, with reports of resurgence of cases in China, authorities have further reinforced epidemic controls and restrictions on travel and entry into China. The suspension of visas of Indian nationals issued before November 2, 2020 is an instance of these enhanced controls. Chinese authorities have also denied permission for operation of any chartered flights between India and China, citing their strict control measures," the statement read. At least 23K Indian students are in Chinese varsities. ENS

New mutant cases in India touches 90, isolated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Saturday said that the total number of cases of the mutant Covid-19 in the country has now jumped to 90, a day after flights between India and the UK resumed after a brief suspension of travel.

"The total number of cases infected with the new strain of the novel coronavirus, first reported in the UK, now stands at 90," the Union ministry of health and family welfare said on Saturday.

On Friday, the number of people identified with the mutant version of SARS CoV 2, found to be more transmissible, stood at 82.

As per a government decision, all those who have tested positive for the new variant of coronavirus are being kept in single-room isolation at designated healthcare facilities by the respective state governments. Also, their close contacts have also been put under quarantine.

In the wake of the new crisis, the Union government has reduced the number of flights to the UK from 60 per week to 30 and also all returnees from Britain are being subjected to mandatory RT-PCR tests upon their arrival.

Meanwhile, as per the data shared by the ministry, 18,222 new Covid-19 cases were reported in a span of 24 hours in India, taking the overall tally to 1,04,31,639 on Saturday.

The country also reported 228 deaths in a day, pushing the total number of deathto 1,50,798.

BUILDING NATION

EAM: Diaspora important for India's future

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday urged the Indian diaspora to be a part of India's broader efforts to deal with the challenges that have arisen due to the coronavirus pandemic. Addressing the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas, the external affairs minister said that the pandemic has triggered uncertainty which has in turn given rise to the demand for shorter, more trusted and resilient supply chains.

"We, in India, have responded through the policy of *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, building stronger capacities at home to make a larger contribution abroad. It is natural that we seek to involve our diaspora in that process, as they have a well-earned reputation as high achievers. Their emotional attachment to India surely encourages their desire to contribute to the nation's rejuvenation," Jaishankar said.

Jaishankar also talked about various initiatives taken by India to strengthen its bond with the diaspora.

Meanwhile, Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday said that Indian diaspora can play a key role in promoting Indian exports and help the country to become a dominant player in the global trade.

"The Indian diaspora living abroad have more familiarity with consumer markets. You have unique insights into consumer behaviour and can guide Indian industry to develop customised products for foreign markets," said Goyal.

Centre's calendar, diary get a digital avatar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH an aim to do away with the need for bringing out a new government calendar every year, the Union government on Friday launched a digital calendar and diary along with the mobile application to access them.

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting **Prakash Javadekar** launched the digital versions of the calendar and diary during an event at the National Media Center. The Minister also unveiled the Android and iOS mobile applications of the calendar and diary.

"The app is free and will be available in 11 languages from January 15, 2021. It will do away with the need for a new calendar every year," he said, adding that because of the diary feature, the calendar is more advanced...easier compared to other digital calendar apps. The digital calendar is in line with the PM's Digital India vision and can be accessed from smart phones. The application is currently available in Hindi and English, and will be soon made available in 11 other regional languages.

While the earlier physical version had a reach up to the panchayat level, its digital avatar will be available to everyone.

'Indian sailors stuck onboard ship in Chinese waters to return by Jan 14'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

MINISTER of State for Shipping Mansukh Mandaviya on Saturday said that the 23 Indian sailors stuck onboard **MV Jag Anand** in China will return on January 14.

The minister also announced that that vessel is set towards Chiba in Japan. "Our seafarers stuck in China are coming to India. Ship MV Jag Anand, having 23 Indian crew, stuck in China is set to SAIL toward Chiba, Japan, to carry out crew change, will reach India on 14th January," he said in a tweet.

In another tweet Mandaviya also acknowledged the humanitarian approach of the Great Eastern Shipping Company. "I deeply appreciate the humanitarian approach of the Great Eastern Shipping Company towards the seafarers and standing by them in this crucial time!" he tweeted.

The sailors are scheduled to reach Chiba on January 14 and after following Covid related protocol, will fly back to India. The announcement comes a day after the external affairs ministry said that alternative modes of crew change are being considered for the stranded ships. "We are exploring possible alternative modes of crew change. The proposal has been sent to the Chinese officials and further details are awaited for the same," MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

Another vessel, MV Anastasia with 16 Indians as its crew, is anchored near Caofeidian port in China since September 20, waiting for discharge of its cargo, Srivastava said.

EXPRESS READ

Cong to observe 'Kisan Adhikar Diwas' on Jan 15

New Delhi: The Congress has decided to observe January 15 as 'Kisan Adhikar Diwas' in every state headquarters in solidarity with agitating farmers and would march to Raj Bhawans. Following a meeting with senior party leaders and state chief, the party announced that when the Narendra Modi Government needs to understand the warning given by the farmers. The farmers in country has now decided to be on path of 'Do or Die' to get three black laws repealed. "The Congress party will, on January 15, launch a nationwide protest in solidarity with the farmers who have been agitating against the three central farm laws for over a month," said the grand old in a statement. Kisan Adhikar Diwas will be held on the same day when the Centre and the agitating farmers are scheduled to hold next round of talks.

Congressman who ruled Gujarat with KHAM formula passes away

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

A journalist-turned-politician who rose to become one of the tallest leaders of the Congress in Gujarat, holding the chief minister's post four times and later Union minister twice, Madhavsinh Solanki passed away on Saturday at his residence in Gandhinagar. He was 93 years old.

Under Solanki's leadership, the Congress had won 149 seats out of total 182 in the Assembly in 1985 — a record still unbroken. Even under the Narendra Modi, the BJP's highest tally in the state has only reached 127.

Solanki was the first Gujarat CM who successfully completed his five-year term in 1985 after separation of Gujarat from Maharashtra. He was also the architect of the KHAM social engineering formula which paid rich dividends for the Congress, but was also blamed for its fall later. Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled his demise.

Born on July 30, 1927, in Pilundra village of Borsad in Anand district, Solanki had started his career as a journalist, then turned as an advocate before taking the political plunge. He was first elected as an MLA from then Bombay state in 1957 when Gujarat and Maharashtra were not separated. He became an MLA of Gujarat Assembly in 1960, after the two states were separated on a linguistic basis. In 1975, Solanki became the president of Gujarat Congress.

1927-2021

His KHAM formula entailed mobilisation of the Kshatriya, Harijan (Dalits), Adivasi (tribals) and Muslim, a formidable electoral combine that kept Solanki and the Congress in power for a long time in Gujarat as the four communities accounted for about 70 per cent of the voter base in Gujarat. However, it alienated the Upper castes, particularly Brahmins and Patels who together makeup about 20 per cent of the state's electorate.

Solanki is also credited with having started the Mid-Day Meal initiative during his tenure, which was later replicated across the nation successfully and is still in practice today. He had also started the girl child nurturing scheme (Kanya Kelavani) in Gujarat. In 1981, he introduced reservation for socially and economically backward classes based on recommendations of Bakshi Commission. It resulted in anti-reservation agitation across the state that resulted into riots and deaths of more than 100 people. Solanki resigned in 1985 but later returned to power with a whopping 149 seats, thanks to his KHAM formula.

In June 1991, Solanki became the EAM of India. However, he resigned in March 1992 in the wake of a controversy following his meeting with then Switzerland foreign minister in Davos during which he allegedly made some remarks regarding Bofors case probe.

QUAKE STRIKES HIMACHAL

A 4.2 magnitude earthquake shook Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district on Saturday but no loss of life or property was reported. The earthquake struck at 8.21 pm, Shimla Meteorological Centre Director Manmohan Singh

122 NEW COVID CASES IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR ON SATURDAY

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	30	17	Mumbai	31	25
Bhopal	28	15	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	22	9	Patna	26	14
Amritsar	17	4	Lucknow	26	12
Chennai	29	25	Port Blair	29	26
Kolkata	30	19	Imphal	23	11
Srinagar	3	1	Chandigarh	18	8

BJP National President J P Nadda launches statewide door to door rice collection 'Ek Mutthi Chawal Sangrah' campaign in Bardhamanay | PTI

BJP feud: Raje supporters float new outfit

The dramatic move comes on the heels of J P Nadda snubbing Raje by not inviting her to state party leaders' meet

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE rift within the Rajasthan BJP has widened after the supporters of former chief minister Vasundhara Raje floated an outfit in her name.

The move assumes significance as it comes close on the heels of BJP president J P Nadda summoning three top party leaders from the state for a sudden meeting in Delhi. Raje was not invited for the meeting.

Raje loyalists, led by Jaipur-based lawyer Vijay Bhardwaj, have announced the formation of 'Vasundhara Raje Samarthak Rajasthan Manch' just a day after BJP state chief Satish Poonia, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Gulab Chand Kataria and his deputy Rajendra Rathore were asked to rush to Delhi for a meeting with Nadda on Friday. The Manch formed by Raje supporters has announced through social media the formation of a state executive committee and has also appointed district presidents and team members in 25 districts.

Reacting sharply, Poonia said there was no such tradition in

Vasundhara Raje

the BJP where ideology is bigger than any individual. He said the matter has been referred to the party brass. "It is not a serious matter because it is more on social media only. Those who are behind it are not recognised party leaders. The issue is already in the knowledge of the central leadership," he said.

Bhardwaj, president of the Manch, said besides setting up 25 district units and appointing 25 district presidents, the Manch has a waiting list of over 2,000 people who are keen to join. He claimed the organisation will propagate the ideology of Vijayaraje Scindia, mother of Vasundhara Raje and a founder member of BJP. "We founded this organisation in December last year to spread the news about works done by Raje. She is the tallest leader of BJP in Rajasthan and we want to bring her back as CM in 2023," he said.

Raje has been sidelined by the party high command. While Raje is totally silent on the current issue, it is well-known that she is upset at being marginalised by BJP top brass.

This is not the first time an outfit is popping up in the name of the former CM. In 2003-04, a controversial 'Vasundhara Mitra Parishad' was launched as a parallel organisation.

J P Nadda launches farm outreach in poll-bound Bengal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kolkata

A day after the Centre ruled out repealing three farm rules that have triggered large-scale protests in which 54 farmers died, BJP's national president JP Nadda on Saturday kicked off the party's West Bengal-centric outreach drive titled *Krishak Suraksha Yojona* (farmers' protection scheme). He said the new farm laws will not only strengthen the cultivators but also offer them the liberty to sell their product.

In an attempt to bloom lotus in Bengal's rice bowl—East Burdwan district—Nadda, spent hours in the region and collected fistful of rice from five farmers—part of the outreach drive under the banner of *Ek Mutthi Chawl*—to woo the peasants ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections.

"Some political parties are misleading a section of farmers. The new farm rules will not only strengthen the cultivators but also give them liberty to settle profitable deals with contract buyers. We will make arrangements to get the acts implemented," said Nadda while addressing a rally. He also claimed that during the regime of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the MSP of agricultural products increased by 50 per cent. Selecting East Burdwan to kick off the outreach drive was said to be politically significant because the district is known as Bengal's rice bowl. The district produces 28 lakh metric ton of rice out of the state's total production of 150 lakh metric ton.

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>
> JP Nadda

"The move is aimed to countering the narrative spun by the BJP's rivals that the new here farm rules will be harmful to the farmers. The plan to launch was focused at endearing the party to over 72-lakh farmers in the state at a time opposition parties are hitting out the saffron camp over the ongoing protest in the national capital region," said a senior BJP leader.

Nadda announced that BJP workers will meet farmers in 40,000 booth areas across Bengal collected fistful of rice from them to deliver a message that the saffron camp-led central government is determined to uplift the farmers.

Another Chinese soldier held in less than 3 months

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

A Chinese People's Liberation Army soldier has been taken into custody after he allegedly transgressed into Indian territory on the southern bank of Pangong Tso on Friday, making it the second such case in less than three months.

"In the early hours of January 8, a Chinese soldier was apprehended on the Indian side of the LAC, in Ladakh in the area south of the Pangong lake," the Indian Army said.

They are investigating the circumstances under which the Chinese soldier got to the Indian side of the LAC. The army said all the procedures were being followed and the Chinese side had been informed.

"The PLA soldier is being dealt with as per laid down procedures and the circumstances under which he crossed the LAC are being investigated," the Indian side said.

The earlier transgression, in October last year, was also in the same area, where the strategic and tactical dynamics changed after the Indian Army took control of the heights on the south bank of the lake.

JOY RIDE

Visitors enjoy a camel ride at Triveni Sangam, the confluence of River Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati, ahead of the annual religious fair of Magh Mela in Allahabad | PTI

EXPRESS READ

UP allows more liquor to be stored at home

Lucknow: In Uttar Pradesh, there will now be a provision for license to keep liquor more than the prescribed limit at home. This has been one of the main highlights of the new liquor police approved by Yogi Adtiyanath cabinet through circulation here on late Friday night. So far, in UP, one is permitted to store 1.5 litres of each country-made and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) liquor and four bottles of beer.

Trouble for winged creatures

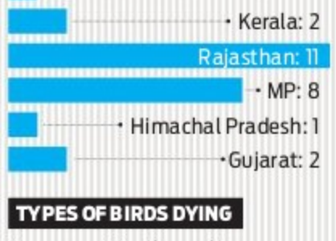
The 'bird flu' scare is spreading with outbreak confirmed in six states – Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Gujarat – and deaths of the winged creatures are being reported from other states as well, hitting the poultry industry

NUMBER OF RECENT DEATHS IN AFFECTED STATES

Haryana:	**4.31 lakh**
Kerala:	**70,000***
Rajasthan:	**2,512**
Madhya Pradesh:	**700**
Himachal Pradesh:	**3,409**
Gujarat:	**59**

(includes no. of birds culled by authorities)

DISTRICTS AFFECTED



CULLING OF BIRDS

Haryana: 1.66 lakh
Kerala: 50,000
Madhya Pradesh: 400

TYPES OF BIRDS DYING

Haryana: Mostly poultry
Kerala: Mostly ducks
Rajasthan: Crows, peacocks, pigeons and others
Madhya Pradesh: Crows, herons, poultry
Himachal Pradesh: Migratory birds
Gujarat: Crows, lapwings and others

'No autopsy to be done'

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POINTING towards the negligence of the hospital authorities, the disconsolate parents alleged that no staff was present when the fire broke out around midnight. A reply to a query under RTI Act in 2018 had revealed that the hospital was ill-equipped to deal with fire accidents, and had pointed towards a lack of safety equipment on the premises. Further, no fire audit has been done at the hospital since 2018. Soon after the mishap, Deputy CM Ajit Pawar ordered fire audits at all government hospitals across the state.

Condoling with the parents, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "Heart-wrenching tragedy in Bhandara, Maharashtra, where we have lost precious young lives. My thoughts are with all the bereaved families. I hope the injured recover as early as possible".

The health minister said of the ten children, seven had died due to suffocation, while three were burnt.

"NO postmortem would be carried out and the bodies would be handed over the families. All possible help and treatment would be extended to them, and the guilty would be punished," said Tope. Raising the issue of negligence, Leader of Opposition in Legislative Council Pravin Darekar said no hospital staff was present at the time of the incident. "Had the administration been alert, the lives of these children could have been saved. Stringent action should follow," Darekar said.

AI's all-female crew to fly over North Pole

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi/Bengaluru

AN all-women team of pilots from Air India is set to fly over the North Pole. They will fly the first non-stop flight connecting two global tech hubs — the original Silicon Valley and the Silicon Valley of India. The flight will take off from San Francisco in California and will land at 3.45 am on January 11 at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru.

"All women cockpit crew consisting of Capt Zoya Aggarwal, Capt Papagari Thanmai, Capt Akansha Sonaware & Capt Shivani Manhas will operate the historic inaugural flight between Bengaluru & San Francisco," Union Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri posted on Twitter. "Air India's woman power flies high around the world," Puri said.

An Air India official said, flying over the North Pole is very challenging and airline companies send only their best and most experienced pilots on this route. This time, Air India has given responsibilities to a woman captain for the journey via the polar route. The flight (AI

176) which will be operated on Boeing 777 aircraft, will be headed by flight captain Zoya Agarwal. It will be the longest non-stop commercial flight to be operated by any Indian airline, covering 13,993 kms.

Presently, flights from Bengaluru, usually smaller aircraft, stop over at Mumbai and Delhi and fliers have to change to a bigger aircraft. "The direct flight will save Bengalureans at least six hours of travel time and prevent any stoppage in between, a seamless connectivity that will particularly benefit the elderly who often commute between Bengaluru and the California belt to visit their children," another official said.

Though operated now under the Indian government's Vande Bharat Mission, in future it will become a regular commercial flight, a top official said. "The flight has been fully booked both ways and there are still many waiting to get a ticket," the official added.

From Bengaluru AI 175 will operate with 12 cabin crews and four captains from Bengaluru and will take 16.5 hours to complete its trip. C V Madhu, along with seniors Captain Dilip Desmond, Captain Karan Agarwal as well as co-pilot Simranjit Singh will be in the cockpit.

A media release from Air India said the flight will operate on Saturdays and Tuesdays from the US. The two cities are diametrically opposite with a time zone change of approximately 13.5 hours, it said. The total flight time will be more than 17 hours. "This will be the first ever non-stop route between the West Cost of USA and South India, which will also be accessible to cities in neighouring states via short domestic flights," it added.

Jailed activist named Raijor Dal leader

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THE newly-floated 'Raijor Dal' party in Assam has named jailed activist Akhil Gogoi as its president. He will lead the party from the Central Jail in Guwahati. A decision towards this effect was made at the party's three-day Moranhat convention on Friday night. Raijor Dal was floated in October last year by 70 organisations, led by Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS), of which Gogoi is a leader.

The Gauhati High Court had on Thursday rejected the activist's bail plea. He was arrested in December 2019 Citizenship (Amendment) Act protests.

Cong says alliance with AIUDF not finalised

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BARELY a month after fighting the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) elections together with the All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF), the Congress in Assam now says it has not forged an alliance with the minority-based party for the Assembly elections, due in April-May. "I said it a thousand times before and I will say it again. The Congress hasn't yet finalised the issue of alliance. Any decision on alliance with AIUDF, Left parties or any other party will be made following consultations with our party workers," Congress general secretary in-charge of Assam, Jitendra Singh, said.

"Our observers are visiting places in the state to know the opinions of our grassroots workers. We will consider their opinions and take a call," he said. However, given their alignment in the BTC elections, AIUDF chief and Lok Sabha member Maulana Badruddin Ajmal said that the two parties will contest the Assembly elections together.

They had contested 20 of the BTC's 40 seats. The Congress won just one of the 13 seats it contested. The AIUDF, which contested seven seats, had failed to open its account. The Congress's lone elected member has since defected to the BJP. Earlier, the Congress's state leadership had come up with the idea of a grand alliance of Opposition parties. Later, a proposal in this regard was sent to the party's high command. The response is still awaited, a party leader told this newspaper.

Got only half justice: Rape victim's father

ENS @ Srinagar

ON the third anniversary of the brutal rape and murder of a minor girl in Jammu and Kashmir, her family says that "only half justice" has been delivered to them and "full justice will be delivered when all the seven convicts and one accused who has been released by the trial court are awarded death penalty".

The girl's father said they had been demanding that all the convicts should be hanged so that the punishment acts as a deterrent and prevents the occurrence of such crimes in any part of the country.

LUCKNOW DIARY

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Lucknow University all set to launch cricket league

Lucknow University has readied its pitch for start of the university premier cricket league. The university is in fact preparing for a gamut of sporting event to held in the next academic session. The University Premier Cricket League will be the main attraction. Besides, an annual sport meet will be held. Aprt from the crticket field, the university officials are also busy setting up a lawn tennis courts and a multipurpose sports complex where both indoor and outdoor sports facilities will be held

Govt to turn highways into green corridors

In a bid to convert major highways of the state into green-energy corridors, Uttar Pradesh government has issued guidelines for the supply of piped natural gas (PNG) to industrial development authorities and providing safe fuel to industries. The aim is to promote the use of pollution-free fuel in transport sector. Directions were issued recently to Noida, Greater Noida, Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA), UP State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA), Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA), Satharia Industrial Development Authority (SIDA) and Lucknow Industrial Development Authority (LIDA) to provide required support to gas companies in the development of piped natural gas (PNG) network

Lucknow records hottest January day in 14 years

With the weather having taken an unusually warm turn in Lucknow for the last couple of days, the maximum temperatures in the city have been hovering over 27-29 degrees Celsius, at least 8 units above normal. The hottest spell of winters in January in 14 years. Earlier, it was on January 30, 2007, when mercury during the day time had spiked to 30.4 degrees Celsius in January in Lucknow. It was the second time this month that the state capital witnessed extreme weather conditions after January 1 when minimum temperature dropped to freezing levels, 0.5 degrees Celsius, the lowest on new year day in 70 years.

Jawahar Bagh Park ready for opening

The Jawahar Bagh Park in Mathura would be dedicated to the public shortly. Jawahar Bagh Park had hit national headlines for a bloody battle between police and illegal squatters under the previous government. Senior police officers Mukul Dwivedi and Santosh Yadav lost their lives in the gun battle. Navagrah Vatika and Nakshatra Vatika will be named after the slain police officers and the Jawahar Bagh Park will shape the identity of new Mathura and Vrindavan. The park has been renovated at a cost of Rs 15.93 crore. The park is spread over 153 acres

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

NOTIFICATION

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,

No. 16, C-1, Millers Bed Area, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru-560 052.

No. HESCOM/GM (T)/EE (RA)/AO (RA)/2020-21/Cys-4165 Date: 06.01.2021

IN THE MATTER OF :

An application for Approval of APR for FY-20, approval of Revised ARR and ERC for the Retail Supply Business and for the Distribution Business for FY-22, Tariff filing for FY-22 under Multi Year Tariff principles in accordance with the KERC (Terms and Conditions for determination of Tariff for Distribution and retail Sale of Electricity) Regulations, 2006 of Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM), Hubli-580 025 under Section 27 of the Karnataka Electricity Reforms Act, 1999 and under Section 61 & 62 of Electricity Act, 2003, read with relevant KERC (Tariff) Regulations.

Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM)

P.B. Road, Navanagar, Hubli-580025 **..... PETITIONER**

NOTICE

Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM) has filed an application before the Hon'ble Commission for Approval of APR for FY-20, approval of Revised ARR and ERC for the Retail Supply Business and for the Distribution Business for FY-22 in accordance with Section 61 & 62 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The Hon'ble Commission has treated it as petition in terms of Tariff regulations subject to further verification & validation.

1. **NEED FOR REVISION :**

A revenue deficit arises due to the mismatch between the revenue receipts from existing tariff and Aggregate Revenue Requirement of HESCOM as detailed below, including subsidy from GOK:

Year	Revenue Receipts Rs. in Crores	Revenue Requirement Rs. in Crores	Revenue Deficit Rs. in Crores	Average cost of supply Rs. / unit
1	2	3	4(3-2)	5
2019-20	7765.04	7627.44	-137.60	6.92
2021-22	8915.95	10028.32	1112.37	8.53
Total Gap			974.77	

*** (As per Annual reports of HESCOM, for FY-20, total surplus is Rs. 137.60 Crs.)**

There is a revenue surplus of Rs. 137.60 Crs incurred for FY-20 of HESCOM and Rs.1112.37 Crs of deficit is expected for FY-22. Hence, the revision in tariff is very essential. HESCOM plans to recover Rs. 974.77 Crs in FY-22 from the proposed revision of Tariff. HESCOM has submitted its application for approval of Annual Performance Review for FY-20 and approval of Revised ARR and ERC for the Retail Supply Business and for the Distribution Business for FY-22.

2. **PROPOSED TARIFF INCREASE:** It is proposed to increase the tariff applicable to various categories of consumers as **shown in Annexure-1.**
3. Pursuant to Regulation-5 of KERC (Tariff) Regulations 2000, it is hereby notified that the persons who are interested in filing their objections to the above petition may file the same with the Receiving Officer, O/o The Secretary, No. 16, C-1, Millers Bed Area, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru-560 052, along with the documents on which they want to rely upon, in six sets, duly supported by an **affidavit within Thirty days from the date of first publication** of this Tariff Notification in the newspapers and also to indicate whether they want to be heard in person. A copy of the objection may be marked to Executive Engineer (EI), Regulatory Affairs, Corporate office, HESCOM, P.B. Road, Navanagar, Hubballi-580 025 for furnishing replies to the objections. Interested persons may file their objections within the stipulated time.
4. For **reference** of those who are interested, copies of the petition are available for inspection at all O&M Zonal / Circle / Divisional Offices of HESCOM and at Corporate Office, HESCOM, P.B. Road, Navanagar, Hubli-580 025.
5. They may also obtain copies of the required portion of the petition by paying photocopying charges.
6. Further, a full set of petition together with supporting material will also be made available to the interested persons by all Chief Engineers, Electy. Zonal Offices, Superintending Engineers (EI), O&M Circle Offices, Executive Engineers (EI), O&M Division offices and at Corporate Office of HESCOM, on payment of Rs. 100/- (Special price) (Rs. One Hundred Only)
7. The soft copy of the ERC/Tariff application, Commission's preliminary observations & Compliance of HESCOM can be viewed on our website **(hescom.karnataka.gov.in)** and it can also be obtained from Regulatory Affairs section Corporate Office, Hubli **(e-mail ID eera.hescom@gmail.com)**

For Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited
Sd/-
General Manager (Tech)
HESCOM, P.B. Road, Navanagar, Hubli-580025

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF EXISTING TARIFF AND PROPOSED TARIFF

Annexure-1

Tariff Category	Type of Installation / Energy Charges & Slabs	Existing Rs. / Unit	Proposed Rs. / Unit
LT-1 : Installations serviced under BJ/KJ schemes	The energy charges in respect of the BJ/KJ category, is subsidized by the Gok for maximum consumption of 40 units per month	7.60	8.33
LT-2 (a) Domestic lighting / Combined lighting, Heating & Motive power	LT-2 a (i) City Muncipal Corporations and Urban Local Bodies		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.70/ KW for 1st KW Rs.80/ KW for additional	Rs.80/ KW for 1st KW Rs.90/ KW for additional
	For 1 to 30 Units	3.95	4.68
	For 31 to 100 Units	5.45	6.18
	For 101 to 200 Units	7.00	7.73
	For above 200 Units	8.05	8.78
	LT-2 a (ii) Areas coming under Village Panchayath Area		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.55/ KW for 1st KW Rs.70/ KW for additional	Rs.65/ KW for 1st KW Rs.80/ KW for additional
	For 1 to 30 Units	3.85	4.58
	For 31 to 100 Units	5.15	5.88
	For 101 to 200 Units	6.70	7.43
	For above 200 Units	7.55	8.28
LT-2 (b) : Private Professional educational institutions and Private Hospitals	LT-2 b (i) Applicable to areas coming under ULBs including CMCs.		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.85/ KW subject to a min. of Rs.110/ month	Rs.95/ KW subject to a min. of Rs.120/ month
	For 1 to 200 Units	7.15	7.88
	For above 200 Units	8.40	9.13
	LT-2 b (ii) Areas coming under Village Panchayats		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.75/ KW subject to a min. of Rs.95/ month	Rs.85/ KW subject to a min. of Rs.105/ month
	For 1 to 200 Units	6.60	7.33
	For above 200 Units	7.85	8.58
LT-3. Applicable to Commercial lighting / Combined lighting, Heating & Motive power	LT-3 (i) : Areas coming under ULBs including CMCs.		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.90/ KW	Rs.100/ KW
	For 1 to 50 Units	8.25	8.98
	For above 50 Units	9.25	9.98
	LT-3 (ii) : Areas coming under Village Panchayats.		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.80/ KW	Rs.90/ KW
	For 1 to 50 Units	7.75	8.48
	For above 50 Units	8.75	9.48
LT-4 Applicable to I.P. Sets, Pvt. Horti. Nurseries, Coffee & Tea plantations	LT-4 (a) : Applicable to IP sets upto and inclusive of 10 HP		
	Fixed Charges	-	-
	Free power supply. Subsidized by Gok. Commission Determined Tariff	6.84	7.57
	LT-4 (b) : Applicable to IP sets above 10 HP		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.80/ HP/month	Rs.90/ HP/month
	Energy Charges	3.75	4.48
	LT-4 (c) (i) : Pvt. Horti. Nurseries, Coffee & Tea plantations of 10HP & below.		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.70/ HP/month	Rs.80/ HP/month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	3.75	4.48
	LT-4 (c) (ii) : Pvt. Horti. Nurseries, Coffee & Tea plantations of above10HP.		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.80/ HP/month	Rs.90/ HP/month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	3.75	4.48
LT-5 (a): Heating & Motive power (including lighting)-Industries.	Fixed Charges	Rs.65/ HP for 5HP and below	Rs.75/ HP for 5HP and below
	Fixed Charges	Rs.70/ HP for above 5HP & Below 40 HP	Rs.80/ HP for above 5HP & Below 40 HP
	Fixed Charges	Rs.90/ HP for above 40HP Below 67 HP	Rs.100/ HP for above 40HP Below 67 HP
	Fixed Charges	Rs.150/ HP for 67 HP & above	Rs.160/ HP for 67 HP & above
	For 1 to 500 Units	5.70	6.43
	For 501 to 1000 Units	6.70	7.43
	For above 1000 Units	7.00	7.73
LT-5 (b): Heating & Motive power (including lighting)-Industries.Area other than that of LT-5(a)	Fixed Charges	Rs.55/ HP for 5HP and below	Rs.65/ HP for 5HP and below
	Fixed Charges	Rs.65/ HP for above 5HP & Below 40 HP	Rs.75/ HP for above 5HP & Below 40 HP
	Fixed Charges	Rs.85/ HP for above 40HP Below 67 HP	Rs.95/ HP for above 40HP Below 67 HP
	Fixed Charges	Rs.135/ HP for 67 HP & above	Rs.145/ HP for 67 HP & above
	For 1 to 500 Units	5.60	6.33
	For 501 to 1000 Units	6.55	7.28
	For above 1000 Units	6.85	7.58
LT-6 : Water Supply street lights	LT-6 (a) : Water Supply		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.85 HP/ month	Rs.95 HP/ month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	4.85	5.58
	LT-6 (b): Public street lights		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.100/ KW/month	Rs.110/ KW/month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	6.50	7.23
	Energy charges for LED / Induction Lighting	5.45	6.18
LT-6 (c) Electric Vehicle Charging/Battery swapping Stations (For Both LT & HT)	Fixed Charges	For LT Supply Rs.70/ KW/Month	For LT Supply Rs.80/KW/Month
	Fixed Charges	For HT Supply Rs.200/ KW/Month	For HT Supply Rs.210/KW/Month
	Energy Charges per KWH for both LT & HT	5.00	5.73
LT-7.Temporary	LT-7 (a) : Temporary Supply		
	Fixed Charges	Weekly Minimum 225/KW	Weekly Minimum 235/KW
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit) (for less than 67 HP)	11.00	11.73
	LT-7. (b) Power supply on permanent connection basis-Hoardings		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.100/- per KW per month	Rs.110/- per KW per month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit) (for less than 67 HP)	11.00	11.73
HT-1.Water supply and Sewerage	Fixed Charges	Rs.220/KVA of BD/Month	Rs.230/KVA of BD/Month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	5.45	6.18
HT-2 (a): HT-Industries.	HT-2 (a): HT-Industries.		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.220/KVA of BD/Month	Rs.230/KVA of BD/Month
	For 1-100000 Units (Rs./unit)	7.20	7.93
	For above 100000 units (Rs./unit)	7.45	8.18
	Railway Traction and Effluent Treatment Plants		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.230/KVA of BD/Month	Rs.240/KVA of BD/Month
	Railway Traction	6.45	7.18
	Effluent Treatment Plants	6.85	7.58
HT-2 (b) Commercial	Fixed Charges	Rs.240/KVA of BD/Month	Rs.250/KVA of BD/Month
	For 1-200000 Units (Rs./unit)	8.90	9.63
	For above 200000 units (Rs./unit)	9.00	9.73
HT-2 (c) (i) Hospitals, Educational inst - Govt	Fixed Charges	Rs.220/KVA of BD/Month	Rs.230/KVA of BD/Month
	For 1-100000 Units (Rs./unit)	7.05	7.78
	For above 100000 units (Rs./unit)	7.45	8.18
HT-2 (c) (ii) Hospitals,Educational inst -Other than covered under HT-2 (c) (i)	Fixed Charges	Rs.220/KVA of BD/Month	Rs.230/KVA of BD/Month
	For 1-100000 Units (Rs./unit)	8.05	8.78
	For above 100000 units (Rs./unit)	8.45	9.18
HT-3 : Lift Irrigation Schemes/Lift Irrigation Societies	HT-3 (a)(i) : Lift Irrigation Schemes (Govt.)		
	Fixed Charges	Minimum Rs.1600/ HP/Annum	Minimum Rs.1610/ HP/Annum
	Energy Charges	3.00	3.73
	HT-3 (a)(ii) : Private L.I. Schemes/L.I. Societies (Urban & Express feeders).		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.80/HP/ Month	Rs.90/HP/ Month
	Energy Charges (Rs / Unit)	3.00	3.73
	HT-3 (a)(iii): Private L.I. Schemes/L.I. Societies other than those HT-3(a) (ii).		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.60/HP/Month	Rs.70/HP/Month
	Energy Charges (Rs / Unit)	3.00	3.73
	HT-3 (b) : Irrigation & Agricultural Farms, Nurseries & Plantations.		
	Fixed Charges	Minimum Rs.1600/HP/ Annum	Minimum Rs.1610/ HP/Annum
	Energy Charges	5.00	5.73
HT-4: Residential Apartments & Colonies	Fixed Charges	Rs.140/KVA of BD/ Month	Rs.150/KVA of BD/ Month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	6.90	7.63
HT-5: Temporary supply applicable to 67 HP & above	Fixed Charges	Rs.275/HP/Month	Rs.285/HP/Month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	11.00	11.73

Note: In addition, the taxes levied/leviable by the State Govt. from time to time shall be applicable.

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Australia's third-largest city of Brisbane starts its first day of a snap lockdown Saturday

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Beijing	1	-6	SNY	Los Angeles	21	7	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	31	19	LC
Dhaka	29	18	SNY	Moscow	-7	-10	LC
Dubai	24	11	SNY	New York	6	-2	SNY
Houston	7	2	HR	Singapore	28	24	TDS
Istanbul	11	9	HR	Toronto	0	-2	LC
London	5	1	LC	Washington	9	0	SNY

@realDonaldTrump gets cancelled

Twitter bans US president's personal account for life, muting his most-effective megaphone

WASHINGTON

TWITTER banned President Donald Trump's account on Friday, citing "the risk of further incitement of violence" following the deadly insurrection at the US Capitol on Wednesday.

Twitter has long given Trump and other world leaders broad exemptions from its rules against personal attacks, hate speech and other behaviors. But in a detailed explanation posted on its blog Friday, the company said recent Trump tweets amounted to glorification of violence when read in the context of the Capitol riot and plans circulating online for future armed protests around the inauguration of Joe Biden.

The social platform has been under growing pressure to take further action against Trump following the Wednesday violence. On Thursday, Facebook suspended Trump's account through Jan. 20 and possibly indefinitely. Twitter merely suspended Trump's account for 12 hours after he posted a video that repeated false claims about vote fraud and praised the rioters who stormed the Capitol.

Trump's Twitter persona has long functioned as a mix of policy announcements, often out of the blue; complaints about the media; disparagement of women, minorities and his perceived enemies; and praise for his supporters, replete with exclamation marks, and one-word declarations such as "Sad!"

He has fired numerous officials on Twitter and his posts, like his speeches at rallies, are a torrent of misinformation.

Trump responded to the Twitter ban in a White House statement, which quoted him as saying: "Twitter employees have coordinated with the Democrats and the Radical Left in removing my account from their platform, to silence me... We have been negotiating with various other sites, and will have a big announcement soon, while we also look at the possibilities of building out our own platform in the near future."

Shannon McGregor, a professor of journalism and media at the University of North Carolina, said the move lets Twitter try to curry favor with the incoming Biden administration. Trump "only has two weeks left in power, and that certainly makes it easier to deplatform the president." *Agencies*

A screenshot of the suspended Twitter handle of Donald Trump

THE SOCIAL-MEDIA POLITICIAN

Trump, a novice politician but seasoned salesman, realised the power of social media in ways that few other politicians did. And he wielded it with never-before-seen power to diminish his opponents, shape elections and mold reality — at least in the eyes of his supporters

He deployed its venom equally, whether insulting celebrity enemies or or using xenophobia to malign a country (Britain is "trying hard to disguise their massive Muslim problem")

MOST POPULAR TWEET

Oct. 2, 2020, @realDonaldTrump announced that Trump and first lady Melania Trump had contracted the coronavirus. The post got 1.8 million likes and nearly 400,000 retweets

TWITTER'S LEGAL GROUNDS

Social media companies such as Twitter have the right to decide what appears on their platforms and set standards for appropriate content. The First Amendment right to free speech prevents governments from stifling expression and does not apply to private businesses

Republicans finally begin to flee from Trump

NEW YORK

President Donald Trump's steadfast grip on Republicans in Washington is beginning to crumble, leaving him more politically isolated than at any other point in his turbulent administration.

After riling up a crowd that later staged a violent siege of the US Capitol, Trump appears to have lost some of his strongest allies, including South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham. Two Cabinet members and at least a half dozen aides have resigned. A handful of congressional Republicans are openly considering whether to join a renewed push for impeachment.

One GOP senator who has split with Trump in the past called on him to resign and questioned whether she would stay in the party. "I want him out," Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska told The Anchorage Daily News. "He has caused enough damage."

The insurrection on the heels of a bruising election loss in Georgia accomplished what other low points in Trump's presidency did not: force Republicans to fundamentally reassess their relationship with a leader who has long abandoned tradition and decorum.

The result could reshape the party, threatening the influence that Trump craves while creating a divide between those in Washington and activists in swaths of the country where the outgoing Republican president is especially popular.

Top Trump loyalist Lindsey Graham, a veteran GOP lawmaker | AP

QATAR & SAUDI ARABIA REOPEN LAND BORDER

ABU SAMRAH

QATAR and Saudi Arabia reopened their land border Saturday, AFP correspondents saw, as they restore ties following a landmark deal to end a three and a half year rift.

Saudi shut its side of Qatar's only land border in June 2017 as part of a package of sanctions it said was a response to Doha's backing radical Islamist groups and closeness to Iran. Qatar always denied the charges.

A Qatari source told AFP that traffic at the Abu Samrah crossing, 120 km south of Doha, resumed around 0700 GMT.

Saudi Arabia, along with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt, all of which also imposed an embargo on travel and trade, agreed to lift the restrictions at a Gulf Cooperation Council summit in the kingdom on Tuesday.

The day before the summit, Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Ahmad Nasser Al-Sabah had announced on state television that a deal had been agreed to "open the airspace and land and sea borders between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Qatar".

Only a trickle of cars arrived at the palm tree-lined, whitewashed border post to make the short crossing to the Saudi side after news broke that the frontier had reopened. A smaller number made the journey from Saudi Arabia to Qatar, where strict measures to fight the spread of the novel coronavirus have been imposed.

"I'm very happy the border is open again," said Qatari Jaber al-Marri, as he approached a checkpoint in his Land Cruiser SUV, adding that he had relatives in the kingdom.

"A lot of Qataris have relatives in Saudi Arabia," he said. "The coming days will be better," added the man, holding a negative coronavirus test result in his hand.

Qatar has announced strict coronavirus control measures for those arriving from the Saudi side. Doha will require travellers to present a negative test result, undergo a fresh test at the frontier and quarantine in a government-approved hotel for one week.

2.9 lakh

The United States hit a new record for coronavirus cases Friday, notching nearly 2,90,000 in a span of 24 hours, according to a real-time tally by Johns Hopkins University. The country, the hardest-hit in the world by the Covid-19 pandemic, also recorded 3,676 virus deaths in the same day, the Baltimore-based university said. The day before, the US had recorded a record of nearly 4,000 deaths in 24 hours. Some 131,000 people are hospitalised for Covid-19

Google removes right-wing US forum Parler

WASHINGTON

GOOGLE said Friday it had pulled the Parler app from its mobile store for allowing "egregious content" that could incite deadly violence like that seen at the US Capitol.

The Parler social network has become a haven for far-right personalities who say they have been censored by other social media platforms.

"We're aware of continued posting in the Parler app that seeks to incite ongoing violence in the US," Google said.

"For us to distribute an app through Google Play, we do require that apps implement robust moderation for egregious content," the company added, referring to its shop for digital content tailored for Android-powered devices.

Policies and enforcement practices that curb posts inciting violence are agreed to by app developers whose software is made available at Google Play, as per the internet titan.

"In light of this ongoing and urgent public safety threat, we are suspending the app's listings from the Play Store until it addresses these issues," Google said. Apple has reportedly warned Parler that its software could be removed from the App Store if it doesn't take measures to prevent users from planning illegal, violent activities on the platform such as the deadly attack in Washington.

Conservatives backing President Donald Trump's claims of election malfeasance have sparked a migration to alternative social media sites that have refrained from filtering unverified claims. *AFP*

Twitter takes down post by Khamenei

TEHRAN

TWITTER has removed a tweet by Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei suggesting coronavirus vaccines made in the United States and Britain are "untrustworthy", saying the post violated its rules.

"Importing vaccines made in the US or the UK is prohibited. They're completely untrustworthy. It's not unlikely they would want to contaminate other nations," said a tweet posted Friday on Khamenei's English-language Twitter account.

"Given our experience with France's HIV-tainted blood supplies, French vaccines aren't trustworthy either," the Iranian leader added in the tweet with the hashtag #CoronaVaccine.

Twitter later removed the tweet and replaced it with a message. *AFP*

Global chip shortage a threat to automakers

DETROIT

A widening global shortage of semiconductors for auto parts is forcing major auto companies to halt or slow vehicle production just as they were recovering from pandemic-related factory shutdowns.

Officials at Volkswagen, Ford, Fiat Chrysler, Toyota and Nissan all say they have been hit by the shortage and been forced to delay production of some models in order to keep other factories running. "This is absolutely an industry issue," Toyota spokesman Scott Vazin said in an email Friday. "We are evaluating the supply constraint of semiconductors and developing countermeasures to minimize the impact to production."

If the chip shortage lasts, production cuts could reduce the inventory of cars, trucks and SUVs for sale in the U.S. and other markets. That comes at a time when the industry was just starting to replenish inventory lost when factories shut down last spring to stop the spread of novel coronavirus.

Toyota was forced to slow production of the full-size Tundra pickup at a factory in San Antonio, Texas. Ford had scheduled down time next week at its Louisville, Kentucky, assembly plant, but moved it ahead to this week. The plant makes the Ford Escape and Lincoln Corsair small SUVs. Fiat Chrysler has temporarily car closed factories in Brampton, Ontario, and a small-SUV plant in Toluca, Mexico. *AP*

NEW CLUSTER

China tightens Covid-19 curbs ahead of Lunar New Year

BEIJING

Two Chinese cities south of Beijing further tightened virus restrictions Saturday and issued week-long stay at home orders to residents as authorities race to stamp out a resurgence in infections.

China has largely brought its domestic outbreak under control after the coronavirus first emerged in Wuhan in late 2019 but a spike in Hebei province, bordering Beijing, has sparked fresh lockdowns ahead of the Lunar New Year next month.

Hebei has reported over 130 confirmed Covid-19 cases in the past week, with more than 200 more asymptomatic infections.

Most of the cases were in Shijiazhuang city, which along with its surrounding areas is home to 11 million people. Several other infections were reported in neighbouring Xingtai city, home to 7 million.

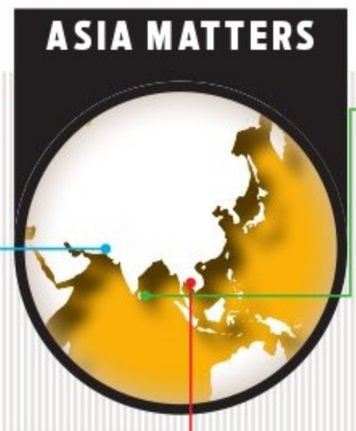
Overnight, both cities announced new, week-long stay at home orders for their residents, officials said.

Shijiazhuang also closed its subway from Saturday morning to aid "prevention and control of the outbreak", authorities said, with taxi services also suspended. Major highways leading into the city, around 300 km south of Beijing, have already been closed and inter-city passenger travel halted.

Supermarkets in Shijiazhuang are now closed to walk-in customers, officials said later Saturday, with purchases limited to online orders and contactless deliveries.

More than 16 million people across the two cities had been tested for the virus since Wednesday, state media reported. "We haven't seen a clear turning point yet in this outbreak," said Shijiazhuang official Ma Yujun. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

Protesters end blockade over deaths of miners in attack claimed by ISIS

Thousands of mourners gathered in Pakistan Saturday for the burial of 10 miners who were killed in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group that sparked an outcry over the lack of protection for workers. A six-day protest by the Shiite Hazara community over the killings in the country's restive southwest was finally called off late Friday after they reached an agreement with the provincial government of Balochistan. Authorities on Friday promised the arrest of the attackers, payment of compensation to the bereaved families and better security for the Hazaras. A senior government official told AFP the prime minister visited Quetta on Saturday and met members of the bereaved families. He quoted Khan as expressing the government's resolve to bring the culprits to justice.

THAILAND

19 Rohingya, Thai woman arrested for illegal entry

Nineteen Rohingya and a Thai woman accused of housing them have been arrested for illegal entry to Thailand, police said Saturday, as concerns grow about trafficking routes for the Muslim minority fleeing Myanmar. A 2017 military crackdown in Rakhine sent almost 7,50,000 fleeing across the border to Bangladesh, while many choose to embark on treacherous journeys with human smugglers to reach Malaysia and Indonesia, sometimes going through Thailand. Thai police said the latest trafficking operation was discovered this week when 19 Rohingya were found in a house in Bangkok.

SRI LANKA

US charges 3 men over 2019 Easter attacks

The US Justice Department charged three Sri Lankans on Friday with supporting terrorism for their participation in the 2019 Islamic State Easter attack that killed 268 people. The department said the three were part of the "ISIS in Sri Lanka" group behind the attacks on three churches and three luxury hotels on the Christian holiday on April 21, 2019. The Islamic State claimed responsibility and called the attacks a retaliation for Western coalition actions against the group in Syria. Five Americans were among the dead. The three charged are Mohamed Naufar, the "second emir" and a recruiter and trainer for ISIS in Sri Lanka; Mohamed Anwar Mohamed Riskan, who allegedly helped make the bombs used in the attacks; and Ahamed Milhan Hayathu Mohamed, who killed a cop.

As UK deaths hit record high, govt tells people to 'act like you've got it'

LONDON

THE UK government on Saturday began rolling out a series of stark advertisements as part of a new awareness drive that warns people to 'Act like you've got it' because anyone can spread coronavirus, especially the new highly transmissible variant that has seen hospitals being overwhelmed with virus patients.

The campaign ' made up of television, radio and newspaper adverts as well as a social media blitz ' comes as the latest daily death toll from the deadly virus hit a record high of 1,325 deaths and infections rose to 68,053 cases. Around one in three people infected with the virus do not have any symptoms and could therefore be passing it on without realising, according to the government's messaging.

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson took to social media to urge people to strictly follow the stay-at-home lockdown as the disease continues to spread at an 'alarming rate'. 'Our hospitals are under more pressure than at any other time since the start of the pandemic, and infection rates continue to soar at an alarming rate,' Johnson said in a Twitter statement.

'The vaccine rollout has given us renewed hope, but it's critical for now we stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives,' he said.

The warnings come a day after London Mayor Sadiq Khan declared a 'major incident' in the UK capital because the coronavirus cases are 'out of control' as latest figures revealed the infection rate in London has exceeded 1,000 per 100,000 people, with hospitals over-capacity with patients.

A major incident is defined as an event or situation with a range of serious consequences, which requires special arrangements to be implemented by one or more emergency responder agencies. *PTI*

Kim threatens to build more nukes

SEOUL

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un threatened to expand his nuclear arsenal as he disclosed a list of high-tech weapons systems under development, saying the fate of relations with the United States depends on whether it abandons its hostile policy, state media reported on Saturday.

Kim's comments during a key meeting of the ruling party this week were seen as applying pressure on the incoming administration of President-elect Joe Biden, who has called Kim a 'thug' and has criticised his summits with President Donald Trump.

The Korean Central News Agency quoted Kim as saying the 'key to establishing new relations between (North Korea) and the United States is whether the United States withdraws its hostile policy.' Kim said he won't use his nuclear arsenal unless 'hostile forces' intend to use their nuclear weapons against North Korea first.

He also suggested he is open to dialogue if Washington is too, but stressed North Korea must further strengthen its military and nuclear capability to cope with intensifying US hostility.

He again called the US his country's 'main enemy.' 'Whoever takes office in the US, its basic nature and hostile policy will never change,' he said.

Biden, who will take office on January 20, is unlikely to hold direct meetings with Kim unless the North Korean leader takes significant denuclearisation steps.

Cheong Seong-Chang, a fellow at the Wilson Centre's Asia Programme, said Kim's speech showed he has no interests in denuclearisation talks with Biden if he insists that working-level talks must sort out contentious issues first. *AP*

$585.32 bn was India's forex reserve as of January 1, according to RBI data. This was an increase of $4.483 billion over the previous week

PRIVACY POLICY TERMS

Telegram, Signal now hot picks to replace WhatsApp

New policy requires users to agree to let Facebook, its subsidiaries collect data

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

WITH WhatsApp's new privacy policy receiving flak from all over, rival platforms Signal and Telegram have reported a sudden spike in downloads.

The quit WhatsApp campaign got momentum after the richest person in the world, Tesla CEO Elon Musk, tweeted that everybody switch to Signal. In the frenzy that followed, Signal's registration systems reportedly crashed as it could not handle the surge of new users coming on board.

The new privacy policy, which will kick in from February 8, requires users to agree to let owner Facebook and its subsidiaries collect sensitive data.

According to data sourced from market intelligence firm Sensor Tower, downloads for Signal and Telegram in India jumped 55% and 14%, respectively, on a week-on-week basis, in the first week of January. In contrast, the growth for WhatsApp has remained flat between December 26 and Januray 6.

However, WhatsApp still remains the leader with 430 million users in India against Telegram's 45 million and Signal's 1-2 million users, according to Counterpoint research.

The Facebook-owned app recorded 2.4 million downloads in India, while Telegram had 1.6 million and Signal 17,000 between January1 and 6.

On Saturday, WhatsApp clarified its latest update does not change its data-sharing practices with Facebook. WhatsApp head Will Cathcart issued a series of tweets to claim the company's updated policy is transparent. He added the new policy doesn't include sharing private chats with Facebook.

Meanwhile Telegram CEO Pavel Durao, while taking a dig at Facebook's privacy policy, said in a statement that due to the social media giant's marketing and monetisation priorities, user data is being compromised and there is an accelerated shift of WhatsApp users to Telegram, owing to privacy concerns.

Signal said that verification codes are currently delayed across several providers because so many new people are trying to join the platform right now ("we can barely register our excitement"). "We are working with carriers to resolve this as quickly as possible," the messaging app said.

NEWSCOPE

TRUMP's LAST STAND AS AMERICA LURCHES LEFTWARD

GURBIR SINGH

THE world is still trying to come to terms with the images of thousands of Trump supporters on Wednesday invading the United States of America's seat of legislative power, the Capitol.

Many dressed in camouflage fatigues, some carrying arms and battering rams broke into the iconic building, climbed walls, threatened police, and even entered the Congress chambers where the US senators were debating the endorsement of Joe Biden as the US' 46th President.

The world's most powerful nation that often lectures smaller, poorer countries on democracy and non-violent transition based on the vote, found itself naked as President Donald Trump egged on his supporters to violently reverse the mandate of the people. Fearing impeachment, Trump is now calling for 'healing' and 'peace'; but let nobody forget it was Trump who had called for an uprising to overturn the electoral college decision. "Statistically impossible to have lost the 2020 Election. Big protest in DC on January 6. Be there, will be wild," was his call on December 20.

It had all the elements of a fascist mobilization - confederate flags, white supremist slogans - aimed at undoing the democratic process by force. What was also evident was the pussy-footing of the state machinery. The same Police that had gone after the 'Black Lives Matter' movement, was conspicuously absent despite the open call for what Biden dubbed "an insurrection".

Fascism's last gasp

But now that the dust is settling, let us understand the assault on the Capitol was no 'revolution'.It was the dying gasp of a reactionary, right wing that had been defeated in its machinations.

Hundreds of court filings against Biden's ballots had been rejected; and even Republican governors had stood up and refused to be threatened into not certifying the results of the ballot box. To overawe lawmakers and prevent them from endorsing Biden was the final gambit. And that too failed. There is great significance in Trump's last stand. The decisive vote for Joe Biden was a major course correction for America. Millions of blacks, Hispanics and other minorities joined traditional Democratic supporters to reject racism and white supremacy. The cities overwhelmingly voted with Joe Biden against anti-immigration laws and xenophobia. It was as if the steady march towards a fascist state had been nixed just in time.

To understand the course America has chosen, one must also understand the significance of the victory in Georgia for the Democrats. In two run-off elections for the Senate, Democrat Jon Ossoff beat David Perdue (R) while Afro-American Reverend Raphael Warnock defeated sitting Republican senator Kelly Loeffler. Both were wafer-thin wins.

Georgia cleans the Senate

Georgia, a deep-South state, is the first of the old Confederate states to elect a Afro-American senator. Ossoff and Warnock will be the first Democrats elected to the Senate from Georgia in 20 years. Perdue is a rich billionaire while Loeffler had a successful career on Wall Street.

Compared to these two sitting Republicans, the two Democratic Party winners had ordinary pasts - Ossoff a documentary filmmaker and Warnock a pastor.

More importantly, Georgia's voters have taken away the Senate from the Republicans. The Jon Ossoff and Warnock wins have wiped out the Republican Senate majority and brought the ratio to 50 seats each for the two parties. In the case of a tie, Vice President Kamala Harris has the casting vote that will ensure that every Cabinet or judicial appointment, and every financial decision by the President does not have to run the Republican gauntlet.

In the immediate, the Biden administration can go ahead with the promised $2,000 cheques for the millions trapped in the pandemic's downturn; in the long-term, legislation for climate change, health benefits and reversing the criminalization of immigrants can sail through more easily.

"Winning the presidency took our country back from the brink of fascism. Now, we have the chance to move an agenda that actually changes people's lives," a CNN reporter was told by Jess Morales Rocketto, a leader of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, that ran the largest voter contact programs in Georgia.

On the national stage, Joe Biden is a 'moderate' Democrat and has little in common with his early Democrat, left-wing challenger Bernie Sanders. However, the votes that lifted Biden — the mass Afro-American and Hispanic turnout, immigrant groups and women — will push him to a more left liberal course than he originally envisaged.

For instance, on taxes, health care, climate change, human and labour rights, Joe Biden has proposed a significantly larger government role than both Hillary Clinton did in her 2016 presidential bid, and before her Barack Obama in his two terms. Biden's election manifesto envisages tax and spending increases equivalent to 1.5 per cent of the US GDP, more than double the level Mrs. Clinton advocated four years ago. The backlash in the form of Right Wing consolidation under Donald Trump's leadership can only be expected.

But hopefully a dose of liberalism and education may make Trumpism irrelevant forever.

AMIT BANDRE

Storming of US Capitol a 'dark moment'

President-elect Joe Biden denounced the storming of the Capitol on Wednesday as the violent expression of President Donald Trump's refusal to accept his defeat, calling it "an assault on the citadel of liberty". In forceful language, Biden called the scenes of chaos in the halls of Congress "a dark moment" in the nation's history, appealed for calm. He held Trump accountable.

B'luru office space market upbeat despite Covid-19 woes

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU has emerged as the choicest city for office-leasing activity attracting foreign direct investments (FDIs) of $4 billion in 2020, with an overall absorption of 7.5 million square feet. Despite uncertainty in the real estate sector due to the pandemic-led disruptions, Bengaluru continues to drive the leasing activity. Sector-wise, e-commerce, Banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) and pharma are contributing to 50 per cent of the overall absorption, JLL India said.

"Bengaluru continues to dominate the office leasing market with an overall net absorption of 7.5 million sq ft in 2020. The overall vacancy level of sub-10 per cent has helped this segment weather the 2020 challenges. The new demand led by large e-commerce firms in the BFSI & healthcare sectors have also witnessed a sharp rise with a number of large occupiers evaluating additional growth and consolidation", said Rahul Arora, Managing Director (Bengaluru), JLL India.

"The city has remained a landlord favorable office market for several years. With slowdown in construction and lack of funding, this trend is expected to continue," he added.

However, as compared to the estimates of 11 million square feet, the IT city added just 9 million square feet during the year as the developers focused on pre-committed spaces and went slow on the speculative space. Many small to mid-sized occupiers terminated spaces within the central business district and Suburban Business District markets which led to an increase in the overall vacancy. The city is likely to add four malls during the year with an occupancy of 2.55 million square feet.

Swiggy, Instakart under tax scanner

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Income Tax (I-T) department has conducted surveys at the headquarters of Instakart (a group company of Flipkart) and food ordering and delivery start-up Swiggy in Bengaluru in connection with an alleged bogus input tax credit, connected to a third party vendor.

"The searches were conducted on the inputs given by the GST intelligence unit which said that these companies were involved in ITC (Input Tax credit) fraud via fake invoices via their vendors," a senior IT official told this publication. According to the official, the initial probe suggests that the evasion is in the tune of ₹50-70 crore but they are looking at the account book carefully. "The third party vendor cannot indulge in evasion without keeping the company in loop. We are digging deeper for more evasion," the tax official added.

However both the companies have denied any wrongdoing.

"This is factually incorrect and we vehemently deny any allegation. The investigation by the GST Authority is on the alleged GST default by two manpower service providers of InstaKart and should not be misconstrued as being related to any wrongdoing by us. As required by the GST Authority, we have participated in the investigation proceedings and submitted several documents and information in relation to the investigation," Flipkart said.

Swiggy has also brushed aside all charges. "Swiggy strongly denies allegations that it has been complicit in any wrongdoings by Greenfinch (a third-party vendor), with respect to it being a fictitious entity and availing bogus input tax credit.. Swiggy has been assisting the GST authorities by providing details of the transactions with the concerned vendor," Swiggy spokesperson said. The spokesperson added that an I-T survey was conducted as a follow-on action wherein the Swiggy team has submitted all the documents.

Airlines in doldrums: Worst seems to be over but profit remains out of sight

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AFTER surviving its worst year, India's aviation industry is heading towards an eventful 2021. With the national carrier Air India expected to find a buyer this year and Jet Airways readying to restart operations, the industry is all set to witness changes in market dynamics. In its latest report, the Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation India (CAPA) said that the industry is heading towards consolidation and it could result in a 2-3 airline system in the near to medium term.

CAPA added that following the privatisation of Air India, the airline sector is likely to be dominated by two major players, with a combined domestic market share of around 75-80 per cent. As of now, Tata Group is seen as the most serious party to acquire Air India. Experts believe if the salt to steel conglomerate brings its aviation business under one roof, it will end up controlling 25-30 per cent of the domestic market. Besides IndiGo and Tata Group (if it acquires AI), the other player projected to remain strong is SpiceJet. "We expect SpiceJet to be a larger beneficiary in FY22 as the B-737s get inducted. With 737 MAX deliveries expected to resume from Q4FY21, we expect SJ to continue to lead industry growth at over 20 per cent," said analysts at Edelweiss.

Despite these big changes, however, the sector is unlikely to report profit. Analysts at Edelweiss expect demand to gather significant momentum only from mid- calender year 2021. As of November end, domestic traffic is down by 51 per cent year on year. According to CAPA, losses are expected to deepen in FY22 as both domestic and international demand recovery remains uncertain.

EXPRESS READ

Overall sales now trending very close to usual times: DMart

New Delhi: Avenue Supermarts Ltd, which owns and operates the supermarket chain D-Mart, on Saturday said its overall sales and sales mix are now trending very close to usual times, though the consumption changes post Covid-19 still persists. Lesser trips and higher basket values continue to be the norm and products such as apparel, laundry and such relevant out of home usage categories are taking more time to recover, it said. The company has done soft-launches of its online channel in select pin codes of Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, and Hyderabad, DMart said.

OIL RALLY

Vaccine-led euphoria pushes crude prices up to $55 per barrel level

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SINCE early November, when Pfizer made its announcement regarding a 90 per cent effective Covid-19 vaccine, crude oil prices have been on a steady march upwards—from around $42 per barrel to the current $55. They have been helped along the way by oil cartel OPEC+'s decision to roll over production cuts last week, as also by improving economic indicators in most major world economies. This has been particularly tough on Indian fuel consumers who are among the most taxed in the world, both by Central and state levies. Petrol and diesel prices have hit record highs again, and unless taxes are reduced, any move upwards in crude oil prices is likely to be followed by petrol and diesel price hikes.

But the first half of 2021 may offer a status quo, if not an actual reprieve. A recent research report from Motilal Oswal Financial Services notes that despite the "euphoria" surrounding vaccination, mass inoculation is quite a far distance away and demand has not reached its full potential. "It will be several months before the advent of mass inoculation to economically active people and relevant impact on oil demand. (Demand) have not reached its full potential yet," the report observes. The still weak demand picture is also among the key reasons why the OPEC+ alliance decided to preserve earlier output cuts instead of increasing production, as some of its smaller, more cash-starved members, had sought. Analysts still expect an upward trajectory for crude oil in 2021, but it will likely mirror the performance of the global economy where recovery is expected to resemble a marathon rather than a sprint. "Brent and WTI crude are expected to move up more quickly in the second half of 2021," the report said.

Business & Beyond

SBI sanctions ₹91.8 lakh for local self-help groups

On behalf of State Bank of India, a SHG Loan Mela was held at Nalapanga, Kendujhar for credit linkage of 50 self help groups (SHGs). Ashish Thakare, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, Kendujhar graced the occasion. The SHGs were handed over sanction letters with credit limit of ₹91.8 lakh.

IREDA to support NHPC in green energy projects

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NHPC, a PSU under the Ministry of Power. According to the MoU, IREDA will undertake techno-financial due diligence of renewable energy and energy efficiency and conservation projects for NHPC. IREDA will assist NHPC in developing an action plan to create and acquire renewable energy projects for the next five years.

UCO Bank observes 78th Foundation Day

Public sector lender UCO Bank observed its 78th Foundation day on January 6, 2021. All the members and staff posted in the branches and offices located at different places celebrated the occasion and took oath on the bank's mission and vision. Various activities such as free health check up camps, blood donation camps, plantation of saplings, digitalisation of 43 gram panchayats under Cuttack district, cleaning of zonal office campuses under Swachh Bharat, etc were also organised.

Chakand goods shed made functional

The East Central Railway (ECR), headquartered at Hajipur, opened a new goods shed at Chakand station near Gaya for the convenience of farmers, entrepreneurs and traders by continuously increasing and improving the goods transport facilities. For the first time, a rake by local traders from this newly-made shed was loaded for Andhra Pradesh by ECR.

PPT issues global RFQ for Western Dock development

The Paradip Port Trust (PPT) has issued a global tender for the project — Deepening and Optimisation of inner harbour facilities including development of Western Dock under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to handle cape size vessels at Paradip Port. Interested. Shortlisted parties will be invited to bid for the project by February 18.

LIC launches online proposal deposit collection

Following the overwhelming response received for Atma Nirbhar Agent New Business Digital Application, (ANANDA), LIC has introduced the feature of online proposal deposit collection, where customers can pay the deposit through Credit Card / Debit Card/ Netbanking / Wallets / UPI etc.

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For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited for the auction sale of the following units taken possession U/s.29 of State Financial Corporations Act 1951, "AS IS WHERE IS" basis. Tenders will be received upto 3.00 p.m. on 27.01.2021 and the same will be opened on the same day at 4.30 p.m.

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1) Tender document may be download from E-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from 11.01.2021, 2) Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before 25.01.2021 upto 5.00 PM, 3) Technical bid will be opened on 28.01.2021 at 11.30 A.M.

Further information may be obtained from above office and from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also from this Institution web site www.rims-raichur.com

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The Estimated Rate shall be read as "Estimated rate including all taxes".
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2	2020_KMML_402633_1	For the Supply of UNIFORM Cloths (Suiting and Shirting)
3	2021_KMML_403591_1	For the supply of Heavy End Reboiler E210/211 & Heavy Ends Condenser E215

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The Superintending Engineer, BHABHA ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTRE, Mysore invites on behalf of the President of India, online item rate tenders in two parts from experienced Contractors with sound financial & technical capacity for the following work:

1	Tender Reference No.	**BARC/SMFC/CS/01/2020-21**
2	Name of work	Maintenance of plantations for a period of six month at Ullarthi&Kudapura site, SMF, BARC, Challakere
3	Estimated Cost	**Rs.35,00,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Five lakhs only)
4	Earnest Money Deposit	**Nil**
5	Period of Completion	**Six Months**
6	Tender Sale Period	From **11.01.2021 (06:00hrs)** to **22.01.2021 (2300 hrs)**

***Note:** Bidders are required to submit a form of Bid-Security Declaration in lieu of EMD in the appropriate format as per tender documents. Non-compliance of Bid-Security Declaration would amount to suspension from bidding for this tender and also future tenders for a period of 12 months as decided by Superintending Engineer/ Chief Engineer.

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender(NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site **www.tenderwizard.com/dae** and **www.barc.gov.in**

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Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
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No.23 **Corrigendum-1** Date : 08.01.2021

For and on behalf of UJVN Limited, e-Tender Notice No. 10/2020-21/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur (Construction of 6 Nos. 2BHK (Type-III) Residences at Mohammadpur Power House Colony) & e-Tender Notice No. 11/2020-21/EE/ PCM(GV)/Mayapur (Construction of 4 Nos. 3BHK (Type-IV) Residences at Pathri Power House Colony) were invited by the office of Executive Engineer, PCM(GV), Mayapur, Haridwar from interested bidders, last date for submission of bids on website should be read as 12.01.2021 in place of 11.01.2021. Other Rules and Conditions will remain unchanged of e-tenders.

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NIT NO: 942/SWM/RMC/2020-21 **RAIPUR DATED: 08-01-2021**

Online bids are invited for the following works of works up to **08.02.2021** at **17:30 hours.**

Sr. No.	System Tender No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount	Earnest Money Deposit	Time Period
1.	70613	Mechanical sweeping of selected roads of RMC with 'Mechanical Sweeper Machine' (with minimum 2.75 to 3.25 cubic meter hopper capacity) on 'Buy Own Operate Basis (BOO)', on a 3 (three) days a week basis, for a period of 4 (four) years and further extendable for 2 years; as per MSW rules 2016.	46.56 Crore	10.00 Lakh	4 years and further extendable for 2 years

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh e-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in** and website of Raipur Municipal Corporation from **08.01.2021, 17.30 Hours** (IST) onwards.

For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above - mentioned portal.

NOTE:-

1. All eligible / interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on e-Procurement portal.
2. Contractors can contact Help Desk for any clarification of their doubts regarding the process of Electronic Procurement System. **Help Desk** at **Toll Free No. 18004199140** or through Email ID **helpdesk.eproc@cgswan.gov.in**
3. For More Details please download NIT details.
4. Further extendable for 2 years.

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NOTICE NO: 02/2021

e-auction conducted by	Date of auction for the Month of Feb'21			Material for auction
Dy.CMM/GSD/PER	01.02.21	09.02.21	17.02.21	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in www.ireps.gov.in catalogue in website
Dy.CMM/CSSD/GOC	02.02.21	10.02.21	18.02.21	
Dy.CMM/SSD/PTJ	02.02.21	-	18.02.21	
Sr.DMM/MAS	03.02.21	11.02.21	22.02.21	
Sr.DMM/SA	03.02.21	11.02.21	22.02.21	
Sr.DMM/TVC	04.02.21	12.02.21	23.02.21	
Sr.DMM/PGT	05.02.21	15.02.21	24.02.21	
Sr.DMM/TPJ	08.02.21	16.02.21	25.02.21	
Sr.DMM/MDU	08.02.21	16.02.21	25.02.21	

NOTICE NO: 03/2021

e-auction conducted by	Date of auction for the Month of Mar'21				Material for auction
Dy.CMM/GSD/PER	01.03.21	09.03.21	18.03.21	30.03.21	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in www.ireps.gov.in. website
Dy.CMM/CSSD/GOC	02.03.21	10.03.21	22.03.21	31.03.21	
Dy.CMM/SSD/PTJ	02.03.21	11.03.21	19.03.21	31.03.21	
Sr.DMM/MAS	03.03.21	12.03.21	23.03.21	31.03.21	
Sr.DMM/SA	03.03.21	12.03.21	23.03.21	31.03.21	
Sr.DMM/PGT	04.03.21	15.03.21	24.03.21	30.03.21	
Sr.DMM/TVC	05.03.21	16.03.21	25.03.21	31.03.21	
Sr.DMM/TPJ	08.03.21	17.03.21	26.03.21	30.03.21	
Sr.DMM/MDU	08.03.21	17.03.21	26.03.21	30.03.21	

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JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071. Branch Office: 'Divyashree Chambers' # 11, O' Shaughnessy Road, 5th floor, 'A' Wing off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date, Time & Place for Submission of Bid
1	30198650009480	**1. M/s. Standard Agenies** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. C Nisar Ahmed Qureshi 2. Mr. C Nisar Ahmed Qureshi 3. Mrs. ShabeenaBanu 4. Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Qureshi**	07/01/2020	01.06.2020	**Rs.54,14,726/-** as on **31.12.2020** (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Six Only) as of **31.12.2020**	21.01.2021	**Rs. 57,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Only)	**Rs. 5,70,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Seventy Thousand Only)	**11-02-2021 @ 12.30 PM**	**10-02-2021** before **05.30PM Jana Small Finance Bank** Limited, 'Divyashree Chambers' # 11, O' Shaughnessy Road, 5th floor, 'A' Wing off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025
	Property Description/Schedule : **Item N0.1:** All that piece and Parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.1 formed out of converted survey No.37 present BBMP Khatha No.1112 Survey No.37 situated at Doddakannelli Village, VarthurHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, previously Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP in all measuring East to West 44+41.5/2 sq.ft and North to South 30 Sq.ft in all measuring 1282.5 Sq.ft and **bounded by: East By:** Private Property, **West By:** Road and Item No.2, **North By:** Remaining portion of same Survey No.37 belonging to Vendor, **South By:** Private Property. **Item No.2:** All that piece and Parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.01A, formed out of converted survey No.37 present BBMP Khatha No.1112 Survey No.37 situated at Doddakannelli Village, VarthurHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, previously Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP in all measuring East to West 19+19/2 sq.ft and North to South 19+0/2 Sq.ft, in all measuring 180.5 Sq.ft, and **bounded by: East By:** Item No.1 property, **West By:** Road, **North By:** Road, **South By:** Private Property Both Item No.1 & 2 property is attached to each other in all measuring 1463 Sq.ft.									
2	30198650010695	**M/s. Aorta Life Sciences** Represented by its **Mr.N. Manjunath 2.Mr. Mr.N. Manjunath 3.Mrs. Gayathri**	28/06/2019	29.05.2020	**Rs.17,77,696/-** as of **31.12.2020** (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Six Only) as of **31.12.2020**	21.01.2021	**Rs. 12,24,000** (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Only)	**Rs. 1,22,400/-** (Rupees One Lakh Twnety Two Thousand Four Hundred Only)	**11-02-2021 @ 11.00 AM**	**10-02-2021** before **05.30PM Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** 'Divyashree Chambers' # 11, O' Shaughnessy Road, 5th floor, 'A' Wing off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025
	Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and Parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No.64,in the layout called as 'Neha Residency' formed in converted Sy. No 6/3, situated at Doninahalli Village,Tavareker-3 Hobli,Bangalore District, presently comes under the jurisdiction of ChikkanahalliGramapanchayath measuring East To West: 12.19 Meters & North To South: 9.14 Meters, in all measuring 111 Sq.Meters and **bounded on the East By:** Road, **West By:** Private property, **North By:** Site No.63, **South By:** Site No.65.									

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" &" AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger)** at the web portal **https://janabank.auctiontiger.net.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd.; Contact number : 09722778828/ 079- 68136854/ 51, 55, 56. E-Mail ids: praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank** officers **Mr. Harish S V (Mob No.9448458823) & Mr. Raghavendra.G (Mob No: 98451 33501)** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 09.01.2021 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka undertaking)

No. GESCOM/CEE(O)/EE(RA)/AEE(T)/2020-21/42181 Dated 08.01.2021

Dear Consumers,

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Ltd., (GESCOM) has constituted Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF) in each revenue districts in its jurisdiction as per Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations 2004.

+ Consumers can approach CGRF set up at the respective Revenue District by making an application in Form 'A' prescribed by the Commission in the event of a complaint not being redressed satisfactorily as provided in the Complaints Handling and Redressal Standards Relating to Distribution and Supply (Standards of Performance) of Power issued by the Commission, shall submit his grievance to the Forum not later than ONE (1) month from the date of lodging of the grievance with the licensee. Grievance falling within the purview of section 126, 135, 139 and 161 of IE Act 2003 are excluded from the jurisdiction of the Forum. The services are free of cost.

+ Consumer himself can appear before CGRF or through his Authorized Representative and present his case.

+ The CGRF shall give its orders within 60 days from the date of registration of the complaint.

Name of the Revenue Districts, Chairpersons, Members and Forum Headquarters with contact details where Consumers Can lodge Complaint / Grievance, is as below:

Name of Revenue District	Chairperson	Member Nominated by GESCOM	Member Nominated by KERC	Forum's HQ
Kalaburagi	**Sri. Pawar Mansingh. M** Superintending Engineer (El) O&M Circle, GESCOM Station Main Road Kalaburagi-585102. **Mbl:9448359008**	**Sri. D.L. Jadhav** I/C Deputy Controller of Accounts, O&M Circle, GESCOM, Station Main Road Kalaburagi-585102. **Mbl No. 9448482140**	**Sri. Sambaji. S. Tile.** Retired Deputy Secretary / Ombudsman, Plot No. 8. Sai. Baba Layout, Shakti Nagar, Kalaburagi-585103. **Mbl: 9448829955**	**Office of the Superintending Engineer El.** O&M Circle, Station Main Road, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585102 **Ph:08472-221830**
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Koppal	**Sri. Mohan Kumar. R.S.** Superintending Engineer (El) O&M Koppala Circle GESCOM. Munirabad-583233. (Head Quarters). **Mobl No. 9483043701**	**Sri. M Devraj** Deputy Controller of Accounts, O&M Koppala Circle GESCOM. Munirabad-583233. **Mbl No. 9448271607**	**Sri. Basavaraj V Ballolli,** M/s V.V Ballolli & Sons Roller Flour Mill, Kataraki Road, Koppala-583131. **Mbl: 9845333445**	**Office of the Superintending Engineer El.** O&M Koppala Circle GESCOM. Munirabad-583233. **Ph:-08539-270276**
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Any Complainant, who is aggrieved by the order passed by the Forum may himself or through his representative make a representation in Form-B within 30 days from the date of receipt of the order of the Forum at the below mentioned address.

Address, Phone No. and E-mail details of Electricity Ombudsman

The Electricity Ombudsman, Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission
#16-C-1, Miller Tank Bed Area, Behind Ambedkar Bhavan, Vasanthanagar, Bengaluru -560052
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Note: Form-A & Form-B are available at CGRF Head Quarter and on GESCOM Website: **https://gescom.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Operations), Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi

Djokovic, Nadal & Serena to quarantine in Adelaide

Tennis' top stars will quarantine in Adelaide rather than Melbourne and play an exhibition there ahead of the Australian Open, with the city also hosting a WTA event after the years' first Grand Slam. An official said it would feature the world's top three men — Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Dominic Thiem — and two of the top three women. Serena Williams will also feature.

Financial worries haunt match officials as domestic season begins

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

ON Sunday, India's domestic season will get begin with the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, approximately after a delay of 100 days, caused by the pandemic. 38 teams — 30 in Elite and eight in Plate — are based in Kolkata, Bengaluru, Vadodara, Mumbai, Indore and Chennai for the tournament which will be held in a bio-secure environment. Red, Blue, Green zones have been created across all the venues to ensure a Covid-free tournament.

Since this is a curtailed season, it is not clear at this stage if there will be any other domestic tournaments. In a usual domestic calendar, the BCCI conducts 2036 matches across all formats and age groups beginning from September. Considering the safety parameters, it has been decided to start with the Mushtaq Ali T20s as it not only requires a short window, but also acts as an audition for the IPL with players' auction scheduled for early February.

But a smooth conduct of this tournament could go a long way in extending the domestic season which will invariably help many whose livelihood depends fully on it. While bio-secure protocols in place have resulted in teams carrying a bigger squad than usual (20 being the common number), the ones who are already feeling the heat because of a shortened and delayed season are the match officials, scorers and video analysts.

For instance, the 20 umpires in Group A (40,000 per day) draw ₹18-20 lakh on an average in a domestic season if they officiate 60 days. The rest 105 in Group B, C and D (30,000 per day) earn around ₹15-18 lakh in a season. But this time with only the Mushtaq Ali scheduled so far, they are facing a huge cut in their earnings. With just 169 matches scheduled, the BCCI decided only to make use of 44 umpires and 22 referees for the Mushtaq Ali, meaning they will officiate on an average only four matches which will fetch them only ₹60,000 (₹15000 per match). The rest 81 umpires and 48 referees are awaiting to hear from the BCCI about the compensation package. "Usually, by November or at the most by December, we used to receive our first pay cheque. With number of matches increasing in recent years, some of our employers didn't grant us leave, so a lot of them have quit their job to focus solely on umpiring. 15 lakhs per season is a good amount, but we have not received anything since last March. I'm waiting for some compensation" says an umpire on condition of anonymity.

The story is the same with match referees. Out of 70, only 22 will be officiating in the T20 meet. "The BCCI asked who will be interested and 22 of us got selected based on our rankings. We heard that they will compensate us in case the season is curtailed. But since we are without pay since March 2020, it would help a lot of us if the BCCI can release some amount now. Lot of us have quit our job in corporate sectors so that we can dedicate ourselves fully to BCCI. But without income for 10 months, it is difficult to manage expenses," says a match referee who has officiated for nearly 8 years.

Video analysts and scorers have similar tales. And among all of them, there is a common cry, as in, who will address their concerns. KVP Rao and Saba Karim, who were looking after the domestic circuit, have resigned. Even the rankings of the umpires which are updated annually hasn't been done, which could help a few of them earn promotion. Having conducted the IPL successfully which has fetched them ₹4,000 crore, what is holding the BCCI back from releasing some compensation amount is the question on everyone's lips.

FRESH START

The Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament that begins on Sunday marks the restart of national-level cricket in the country since the lockdown. It will be a platform for the hopefuls to impress with the IPL auctions slated for February...

Format: Thirty eight teams have been split into six groups. Groups A to E will have six teams, while the Plate Group will have eight teams. The winners from each group will progress to the quarterfinals, along the next two teams in Groups A to E with the most points.

Venues: Bengaluru, Indore, Vadodara, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai. The knockout stages will be played in Ahmedabad from January 26-31.

When: January 10-31

Groups

Elite Group A (Bengaluru): J&K, Karnataka, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Railways, Tripura.
Elite Group B (Kolkata): Odisha, Bengal, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Hyderabad.
Elite Group C (Vadodara): Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Baroda, Uttarakhand.
Elite Group D (Indore): Services, Saurashtra, Vidarbha, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Goa.
Elite Group E (Mumbai): Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Mumbai, Kerala, Puducherry.
Plate Group (Chennai): Chandigarh, Meghalaya, Bihar, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim, Arunachal.
Defending champions: Karnataka

TEST OF PATIENCE

Pujara's fighting knock not enough as Australian bowlers dominate Day 3 proceedings

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

"I don't think it was the right approach," Ricky Ponting announced on Twitter. "I think he needed to be a bit more proactive with his scoring rate because I felt it was putting too much pressure on his batting partners." The he Ponting was referring to was, of course, Cheteshwar Pujara.

On a day when India's batsmen perfected the art of tragicomedy — three run outs, two injuries and the now customary collapse — Pujara's 'intent', or the lack thereof, was the main narrative. Here are a few facts: the 50 off 176 was his slowest 50 in Tests. That he was defending or leaving many balls also cannot be questioned.

However, that's where the white noise surrounding his batting style — yup, that old chestnut again — ought to stop. Don't forget that he was facing Pat Cummins (World No 1), Josh Hazlewood (World No 8),

Cheteshwar Pujara in Sydney | AFP

Mitchell Starc (World No 5) and Nathan Lyon (third best spinner, World No 17) in their own backyard on a pitch that is showing signs of variable bounce. Their radar seldom malfunctions and what makes playing counter-attacking cricket against this line-up such a challenge is they all possess different skill sets and have incredible experience.

In fact, after the day's play, Pujara pretty much said the same thing about the hosts being ultra disciplined with their line and length. "I couldn't have done anything better than what I was doing," he said. "I feel I just have to bat the way, I know." He also said the ball to dismiss him — kicked up after pitching in the good length area — was one of the balls of the series so far. "He (Patrick Cummins) bowls unplayable deliveries. I felt that was one of the best balls of this series. I don't think I could have done anything about it."

The argument goes that Pujara should have upped the ante when the ball had become old. Leaving aside the fact that he subtly did that — he went from 16 off 100 (SR of 16) to 41 off 142 (28.87) just as the second new ball was about to be taken — this is his modus operandi. Blunting the opposition's attack before opening up against a tiring attack. India's last Australian tour saw him wear the bowlers down with this strategy

Full story: newindianexpress.com

MIDDLE-ORDER HEADACHE

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

INDIAN cricket fans were treated to a familiar sight at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday. After a strong foundation, wickets fell in a heap as one batsman after another perished without any effect on the scoreboard. It was a deja vu as they went from 195/4 to 244 all out, losing their last six wickets for 49 runs. In overseas conditions, collapses like this have sort of become de rigueur.

After the day's play, Cheteshwar Pujara acknowledged that this was an ongoing problem and that the team had had a talk about it. "Have to address (it), we have also spoken about it," he said. "Not that we aren't aware of it." Being aware of it is one thing, actively taking steps is a completely different thing. Even if they are, it's not paid off, not yet anyway.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

SCOREBOARD

Australia first innings: 338 **India first innings (overnight 96/2):** Pujara c Paine b Cummins 50, Rahane b Cummins 22, Vihari (run out) 4, Pant c Warner b Hazlewood 36, Jadeja (not out) 28, Ashwin (run out) 10, Saini c Wade b Starc 4, Bumrah (run out) 0, Siraj c Paine b Cummins 6. **Extras** (lb1, w5, nb2) 8. **Total** (100.4 overs) 244. **FoW:** 3-117, 4-142, 5-195, 6-195, 7-206, 8-210, 9-216. **Bowling:** Starc 19-7-61-1, Hazlewood 21-10-43-2, Cummins 21.4-10-29-4, Lyon 31-8-87-0, Labuschagne 3-0-11-0, Green 5-1-12-0. **Australia second innings:** Warner lbw Ashwin 13, Pucovski c Saha b Siraj 10, Labuschagne (batting) 47, Smith (batting) 29. **Extras** (lb1, nb3) 4. **Total** (two wickets, 29 overs) 103. **FoW:** 1-16, 2-35. **Bowling:** Bumrah 8-1-26-0, Siraj 8-2-20-1, Saini 7-1-28-0, Ashwin 6-0-28-1.

India's collapses since 2018

South Africa 2018
1st Test 71/3 to 135 all out
2nd Test 49/3 to 87/7

England 2018
1st Test 100/3 to 182/8
141/6 to 162 all out

4th Test 142/2 to 195/8
123/3 to 184 all out

Australia 2018
2nd Test 223/4 to 283 all out

New Zealand 2020
1st Test 88/3 to 165 all out

148/4 to 191 all out

2nd Test 194/4 to 242 all out
72/3 to 124 all out

Australia 2020/21
1st Test 188/3 to 244 all out
3rd Test 195/4 to 244 all out

Opportunity for Karnataka youngsters in SMA Trophy: Goud

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA have made the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy their own of late, winning back-to-back titles in the last two seasons. Their effort to clinch the title for a record third straight time is going to be tricky this time out. Three of their principal batting stars — KL Rahul, Mayank Agarwal (both on international duty) and Manish Pandey (ruled out due to tennis elbow) — are missing from the squad. That's before you factor in the bio-bubble setting the tournament will be played, a challenge in itself.

Howevcer, several Karnataka players come into this tournament with some match practice under their belt. They featured in some KSCA inter-club tournaments in the last few months. Karnataka, who are in Elite Group A, open their account against Jammu and Kashmir in Alur on Sunday. With the top side in the group guaranteed a quarterfinal spot, teams will have to be consistent and the likes of skipper Karun Nair and other youngsters in the squad have to deliver.

"We can't replace those three players (Manish, Mayank and Rahul). They are a class apart and India players. But if you see, when we won the first Mushtaq Ali title two seasons ago, we didn't have KL. So youngsters have shown that they can step up when it matters the most. They must see this as opportunity to make a mark," said Karnataka head coach Yere Goud.

No media, crowd and telecast

Besides media and spectators getting barred from being present at the venue, matches in Alur will not be broadcast live on any platforms, including on Hotstar.

EXPRESS READ

Sanjay stars with ton in Tumkur victory

BENGALURU: Sanjay VN starred with a ton to help Tumkur Zone beat Shimoga Zone in the KSCA Inter Mofussil U-23 Tournament by 33 runs. Besides Sanajay's 100, Shivanayaka scored 82 to help Tumkur manage 255/4. In reply, Shimoga were all out for 222 runs.

Reds survive scare from virus-hit Villa

LONDON: Liverpool survived a scare from coronavirus-ravaged Aston Villa to reach the FA Cup fourth round with a 4-1 win against opponents missing their entire first-team. Villa fielded a raw side.

BDFA Super Division from Monday

BENGALURU: The BDFA Super Division Football League Championship kickstarts from Monday. Kickstart FC will take on Young Challengers FC in the opener at the BFS. Thirteen teams will feature in the competition, which will see the winning team take home one lakh.

TT sr nationals in Feb, Oly qualifiers in March

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @New Delhi

THE Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) is aiming to complete the senior nationals by February in Sonepat after ITTF (world body) sent an updated events calendar which includes the resumption of tournaments from March.

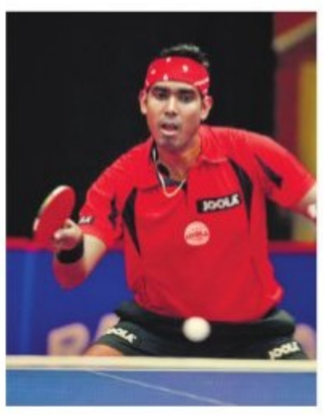
The latest calendar released by the world body includes two WTT events in Doha while there is also the prospect of the Continental and World Qualifiers for the Olympics. All of these are set to be held in Doha and a bio-bubble is going to be created for all paddlers.

Therefore, TTFI wants to conclude the senior nationals within the third week so that the top paddlers get a few days break and also have the chance to travel for the tournaments.

"Dates will be confirmed soon but the plan is to conduct the nationals before February end so that players have some time before taking part in the international events. The senior nationals will be held in Sonepat," TTFI secretary MP Singh told this daily.

Among the international events, the Continental Qualifiers, which will be from March 13-15, is crucial for India's paddlers who are yet to qualify.

The likes of G Sathiyan and A Sharath Kamal will all be vying for that coveted spot.



A Sharath Kamal

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE

East Bengal pile misery on Bengaluru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

BENGALURU FC have been one of the biggest rivals for East Bengal even in the I-League. Saturday's match in Indian Super League was a throwback to those intense battles. It was the Red and Golds who managed to emerged victorious in the end with a 1-0 win at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Fatorda.

Matti Steinmann scored the longe goal in the 20th minute for the Kolkata outfit. Bengaluru have now slumped to their fourth straight defeat in the league and are looking over their shoulders as teams below them are catching up.

East Bengal are ninth with 10 points from 10 matches while Bengaluru are placed sixth with 12 points from 10 games.

For Bengaluru, their experienced players Sunil Chhetri and Dimas Delgado were not able to influence the game as they went into half-time trailing 1-0. Bengaluru almost equalised in the 84th minute but couldn't convert it.

SEEKING OZ OPEN TICKET

The qualifiers of Australian Open, the year's first major, begin in a bio bubble in Dubai (women's) and Doha (men's) from Sunday. A look at Indian players hoping to enter main draw...

KARMAN KAUR THANDI | 626
Showed huge promise a few years ago when she had a couple of breakout performances. But injuries have meant she has fallen back a bit. The 22-year-old has beaten Ankita Raina a few times.
R1: Mariam Bolkvadze (192)

RAMKUMAR R | 190
The TN lad is yet to qualify to the main draw of any Major. Did get back to competitive action post lockdown but, save for a final in a Challenger in Germany in November, nothing much to write home about.
R1: Facundo Bagnis (125)

PRAJNESH G | NO 129
Finished last year strongly by reaching the finals of two Challengers. One of the more consistent Indian performers on tour. He is gunning for third straight main draw appearance in Melbourne.
R1: Brayden Schnur (207)

ANKITA RAINA | 180
Has been in good doubles form, winning a title in Dubai, where the women's qualifiers will be held. Her ambition this year is to breach the top 100 in singles. Three wins to make it to the main draw will be a huge positive in that regard. **R1: Reka-Luca Joni (206)**

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I, **RAMAIAH BABU**, age 48 years, S/o Late Ramaiah, R/at No. 2, Krishnappa Lane, Jeevanahalli, Cox Town, Bengaluru-05, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAMAYYA BABU** to **RAMAIAH BABU**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **RAMAIAH BABU** only, vide affidavit dated 8th January 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LAKSHMI S. ACHARYA**, aged 66 years, W/o. P.B. Satish Acharya, residing at No. 05, Sri Laxmi Nivas, 4th A-Cross, Tent Road, Sanjeevini Nagar, Moodalpalya, Bangalore-560072, have changed my name to **ROHINI P.** vide affidavit dated 21-12-2020 sworn before Notary **K. Monappa Bhandary**, Mangaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MUJAHIDA BEGUM MUJEEB, Residing at No-4, 6th Cross, Anam Enclave, Ashwathnagar, Thanisandra, Bangalore-560077, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MUJAHIDA BEGUM** vide affidavit dated 08/01/2021 sworn before notary N. Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) DATTARAJA, Residing at No-359, 3rd Main Road, Sindhu River Road, Brundavanagar Bangalore-560019, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) DATTARAJA PADUKONE** vide affidavit dated 08/01/2021 sworn before Notary N. Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) POORNIMA ARASU, Residing at No Flat No J-2, 2nd Floor, Neel Madan Vayushakti, PH 7, Jayanthi Nagar, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) POORNI GANESHAN THIRUNAVU ARASU** vide affidavit dated 08/01/2021 sworn Before Notary N. Nagappa Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ANILA, wife of Army No: 14822708X, Rank: HAV, Name: SREEJITH P, Permanent residing at Sujith Bhavanam Arattupuzha, Mangalam, Thrikunnapuzha, Thrikunnapuzha, Alappuzha-690515, Kerala, shall henceforth be known as **ANILA SREEJITH,** my Date of Birth is 21.07.1980 vide affidavit dated 09.01.2021 before notary K V MANI, Bangalore.

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I, BHOOL KNWAR, wife of Army No: 8036127L, Rank: HAV, Name: JAIPAL SINGH, Permanent residing at Dagari, Kherwa, Degana, Degana, Nagaur-341503, Rajasthan, shall henceforth be known as **BHOOL KANWAR,** my Date of Birth is 21.07.1987 vide affidavit dated 09.01.2021 before notary K V MANI, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, Army No: 14822708X, Rank: HAV, Name: SREEJITH P, Permanent residing at Sujith Bhavanam Arattupuzha, Mangalam, Thrikunnapuzha, Thrikunnapuzha, Alappuzha-690515, Kerala. I state that in my service record my mother's name is wrongly mentioned as **SARASWATHY** instead of her correct name is **SARASWATHY T** her Date of Birth is 02.01.1958 vide affidavit dated 09.01.2021 before notary K V MANI, Bangalore.

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Global leaders will try to reignite international environmental diplomacy on Monday, with a biodiversity summit that launches a critical year for efforts to stem the devastating effects of global warming and species loss. The One Planet Summit is a virtual event hosted by France in partnership with UN and World Bank

CHINA STILL TO REVEAL COVID ORIGIN TIMELINE

Exact time of WHO team's visit to the country still under negotiation; Chinese experts to accompany health investigators

File photo dated March 10, 2020, shows Chinese President Xi Jinping talking to medical workers at the Huoshenshan Hospital in Wuhan | AP

HEALTH

BEIJING: China is ready to receive a WHO expert team to probe the origin of Covid-19 and has reached a consensus with the UN's top health agency, a senior Chinese official said on Saturday, but gave no specific timeline for the visit.

The exact time on when the WHO expert team will arrive in Wuhan, where the virus emerged in December last, and investigate into the coronavirus origin is still under negotiation, Zeng Yixin, deputy head of the National Health Commission, told a press conference.

China and the World Health Organisation (WHO) have reached a consensus on specific arrangements of the investigation with four video conferences, Zeng was quoted as saying by state-run Global Times.

Chinese experts are waiting for their WHO counterparts, he said. Once the WHO experts complete their procedures and finalise the schedule, Chinese experts will go to Wuhan with them to conduct the investigation, Zeng was quoted as saying by the state-run Xinhua news agency.

Zeng stressed that China's position on the WHO investigation is positive, open and supportive, and the country hopes such joint efforts would help deepen the understanding of the virus and better prevent infectious diseases in the future.

In a rare instance of criticism from the global body, WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who is often accused of being pro-China, in a media conference in Geneva on Tuesday had expressed disappointment over China not finalising the necessary permissions for the experts team's arrival.

"I'm very disappointed with this news, given that two members had already begun their journeys and others were not able to travel at the last minute, but had been in contact with senior Chinese officials," he said.

Tedros said he 'made it clear' that the mission was a priority for the UN health agency and it was "eager to get the mission underway as soon as possible'. The delay by China to finalise the WHO team's arrival is fuelling concern that Beijing is obstructing global efforts to trace the origins of Covid-19.

Reacting to Tedros comments, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying had said 'there might be some misunderstand on this'. "We can understand Dr Tedros and the WHO" she had said, adding that the two sides are "in discussions" to finalise the dates.

"We hope the details can be determined as soon as possible. Hope the WHO can understand this. We always have smooth communication channels. There might be some misunderstanding on this. But there is no need to read too much into this. We have smooth communication and pleasant cooperation. I believe it will continue," Hua said on Wednesday.

China has been proactively questioning the widely-held view that the deadly outbreak broke out in a wet market in Wuhan where live animals, birds and reptiles are sold and spread to humans. The market remained closed and sealed since early last year.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said in a recent interview to official media that China "raced against time" and was the first country to report coronavirus cases to the world. More and more research suggests that the pandemic was likely to have been caused by separate outbreaks in multiple places in the world'.

ARCTIC RISING

The region is thought to have recorded its hottest ever temperature of 38C in Siberia, an astonishing 18C above the normal level for this time of year

The mercury shot up to the unprecedented level in Verkhoyansk, 3,000 miles east of Moscow, as the region endures a summer heatwave

Scientists had predicted the Arctic wouldn't reach these levels until 2100, meaning it is warming 80 years faster than previously thought

If the record is confirmed it will represent a new high. The current record for hottest temperature in the Arctic is held by Prospect Creek, Alaska, which recorded 38C in 1915

EXFILE • ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE CRISIS

New data from European Union satellites shows that 2020 is in a statistical dead heat with 2016 as the world's warmest year. The scientists say that unprecedented levels of heat in the Arctic and Siberia were key factors in driving up the overall temperature. A look at it

1.25° Celsius

- In 2020, temp globally were an average of 1.25°C higher than in pre-industrial times, EU climate agency Copernicus said on Friday
- Data also shows 2020 was the hottest 12 months ever in Europe driven by an anomalously warm start to the year, with December 2019 to February 2020 beating the previous record for those months, set in 2016, by 1.4°C
- The 12-month average for Europe reveals it was a total of 0.4°C warmer than in 2019

2016 and 2020

The Copernicus service concludes that while 2020 was very marginally cooler than 2016, the two years are statistically on a par as the differences between the figures for the two years are smaller than the typical differences found in other temperature databases for the same period

Need for action

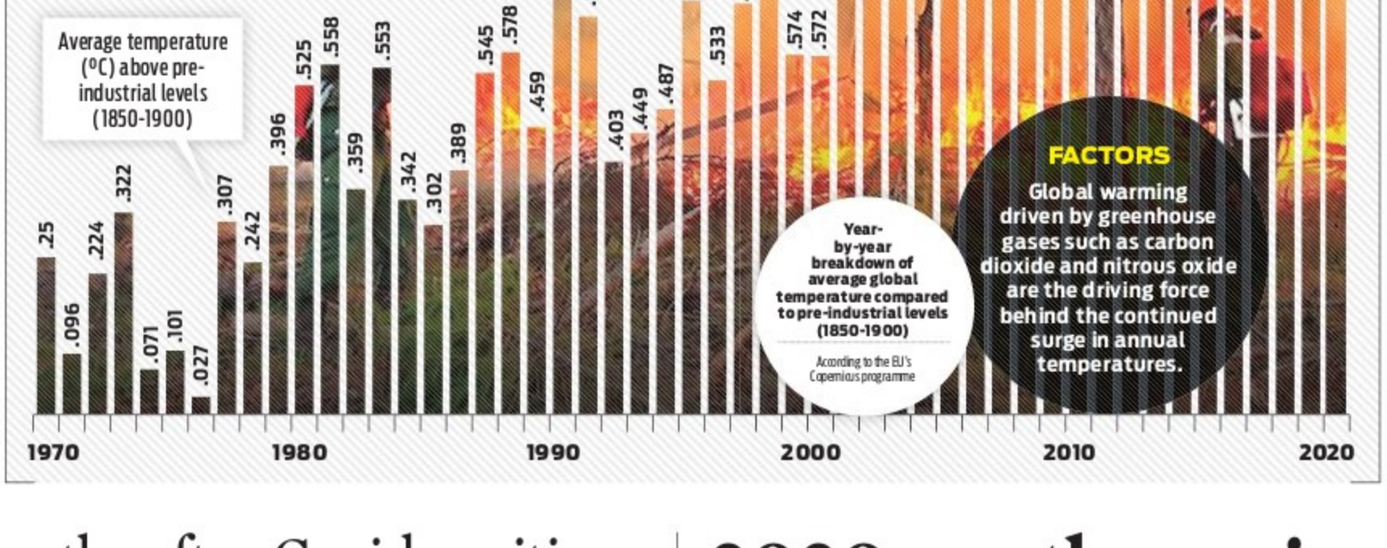
Scientists said latest data underscored the need for countries and corporations to slash greenhouse gas emissions and strive to reach the targets of the 2015 Paris accord to avoid catastrophic climate change. The Paris accord aims to cap rise in temperatures to below 2°C but ideally not to exceed 1.5°C

DID YOU KNOW?

$16bn
loss due to disasters in US in the first nine months of 2020, same as records set in 2011 & 2017

$46.6bn
loss globally. 13 of last year's disasters led to at least 188 deaths recorded

ALARMING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1970
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2020
Year-by-year breakdown of average global temperature compared to pre-industrial levels (1850-1900)
According to the EU's Copernicus programme
FACTORS
Global warming driven by greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide are the driving force behind the continued surge in annual temperatures.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Spain hit by blizzard

WEATHER

An unusual and persistent blizzard has blanketed large parts of Spain with snow, freezing traffic and leaving thousands trapped in cars or in train stations and airports on Saturday. The capital, Madrid, and other parts of central Spain activated for the first time a red weather alert, the highest, and called in the military to rescue people from vehicles trapped on everything from small roads to the city's major thoroughfares. The national AEMET weather agency had warned that some regions would be receiving more than 24hrs of continuous snowfall due to the odd combination of a cold air mass stagnant over the Iberian Peninsula and the arrival of the warmer Storm Filomena from the south.

'Rich nations, don't jump Q'

MEDICINE

The World Health Organization on Friday urged rich countries to stop jumping the queue and making bilateral deals for the first wave of Covid-19 vaccines. WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that right from the outset, wealthier nations had snapped up the majority of the supply of multiple vaccines – potentially bumping up the price for everyone else. He called on states that have booked excess vaccine doses to release them and donate them to the globally-shared Covax programme, which aims to distribute vaccines equitably around the world. "I urge countries that have contracted more vaccines than they will need...to donate and release them to Covax immediately," Tedros told a press conference in Geneva.

Symptom 6 months after Covid positive

HEALTH

NEW DELHI: More than three quarters of Covid-19 patients hospitalised for treatment have at least one ongoing symptom six months after initially becoming unwell, according to a study published in The Lancet journal.

The research looked at the long-term effects of the coronavirus infection in 1,733 patients first diagnosed in Wuhan, China between January and May followed to June and September. In the study, scientists, including those from Jin Yin-tan Hospital in China, interviewed the patients face-to-face using questionnaires to evaluate their symptoms and health-related quality of life.

The discharged patients also underwent physical examinations, lab tests, and a six-minute walking test to gauge their endurance levels. Nearly 400 patients also underwent further tests, including an assessment of their lung function, and 94 patients whose blood antibody levels were recorded at the height of the infection received a follow-up test.

UP IN THE AIR

A hot-air balloon prepares for the take-off during the five-day Adventure Tourism Festival, in Agartala on Saturday | PTI

2020 another grim year for Amazon

CLIMATE

RIO DE JANEIRO: Deforestation destroyed the equivalent of more than two football pitches each minute in the Brazilian Amazon in 2020, another devastating year for a resource seen as vital to curbing climate change, according to govt data released Friday.

Brazilian space agency INPE identified 8,426 square kilometers of Amazon rainforest lost to deforestation in 2020, using its DETER monitoring program, which analyzes satellite images to track the destruction monthly. That was the second-most devastating year for Brazil's share of the world's biggest rainforest since the program was launched in 2015. The amount of forest destroyed was only larger in 2019, when the figure came in at 9,178 square kilometers.

Environmentalists underlined that those were also the first two years in office for far-right President Jair Bolsonaro, who has cut funding for environmental programs and pushed to open protected Amazon lands to agribusiness and mining. "The two years of the Bolsonaro administration have been the worst two years (of deforestation) recorded in the DETER program," said Marcio Astrini of the Brazilian Climate Observatory, a coalition of environmental groups. "That's no coincidence. It's the result of the current government's policies of environmental destruction," he said in a statement.

The Brazilian space agency also operates another satellite-based monitoring program known as PRODES that analyzes deforestation once a year in greater detail. That analysis, released in November, was even more alarming: it found deforestation surged 9.5 percent annually in the 12 months to August 2020, destroying 11,088 square kilometers of the Brazilian Amazon — an area larger than Jamaica.

The destruction in Brazil, the world's biggest exporter of beef and soybeans, is being driven largely by farmers, ranchers and land speculators bulldozing trees and burning them to make way for crops and pasture.

DATA CRUNCHING

In a capsule: Modified SpaceX Dragon to bring more science back to Earth

SPACE RESEARCH

WASHINGTON: An upgraded SpaceX cargo Dragon spacecraft is set to transport significantly more science back to Earth next week than possible in previous Dragon capsules, and is the first space station cargo capsule to splash down off the coast of Florida.

In addition, key science experiments returns from the space station through NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida for the first time since the retirement of the space shuttle, NASA said in a statement late on Friday.

The space experiments include 'Cardinal Heart', which studies how changes in gravity affect cardiovascular cells at the cellular and tissue level using 3D engineered heart tissues, a type of tissue chip.

On January 11, the SpaceX cargo Dragon spacecraft carrying out the company's 21st commercial resupply services (CRS-21) mission for NASA will undock from the International Space Station (ISS), heading for splashdown off the coast of Florida about 12 hours later. "Sending science up to space and then receiving it again on the runway was definitely something in the shuttle days that we really took pride in, and being able to rejoin that process is great," said Kennedy Space Center utilisation project manager, Jennifer Wahlberg.

Another experiment is a Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency study, 'Space Organogenesis', which demonstrates the growth of 3D organ buds from human stem cells in order to analyze changes in gene expression.

Results from this investigation could show advantages of using microgravity for cutting-edge developments in regenerative medicine and may contribute to the establishment of technologies needed to create artificial organs, NASA said.

The Bacterial Adhesion and Corrosion experiment identifies the bacterial genes used during biofilm growth, examines whether these biofilms can corrode stainless steel, and evaluates the effectiveness of a silver-based disinfectant.

'Rodent Research-23' involves the return of live mice. This experiment studies the function of arteries, veins, and lymphatic structures in the eye and changes in the retina before and after spaceflight. The aim is to clarify whether these changes impair visual function. At least 40 per cent of astronauts experience vision impairment known as Spaceflight-Associated Neuro-ocular Syndrome (SANS) on long-duration spaceflights.

On return, it can support up to 12 powered lockers.

> **The large amount of science returning to Earth on this mission is possible thanks to upgrades to the SpaceX cargo Dragon spacecraft , which has double the powered locker capability**
> NASA

The upgraded SpaceX capsule will bring more cargo back to earth | IANS